

✚ Brief description of goods

Cleaning agent, in the form of a white powder, consisting of a synthetic polymer, nonionic surfactant (less than 1%) and fragrances, put up for retail sale in containers. It is used to remove spots and stains on cloth sheets and carpets.

✚ Classification

3824.90-999

✚ Reason for classification

The main component of the cleaning agent is a synthetic polymer and the adsorption action of the synthetic polymer mainly contributes to the cleaning function. Since the amount of the nonionic surfactant in the agent is small and the surfactant does not dissolve in water, it is considered that the function of the surfactant is supplemental.

Since the agent corresponds to "Preparations, containing surface-active agents where the surface-active function is either not required or is only subsidiary to the main function of the preparation," which are not covered in heading 34.02 as prescribed in the Explanatory Note to heading 34.02 (c), it is not classified as the washing preparation nor cleaning preparations in heading 34.02. Therefore, it is classified as stated above since it is a preparation of the chemical industry without other corresponding headings.

**Note:**

The nature of the goods to be the basis for customs duty assessment depends on the conditions at the time of the import declaration of the goods with some specific exceptions (Article 4 of the Customs Law).

This classification example describes general replies based on the certain condition and do not necessarily represent all cases. Therefore, the classification decision on your actual importation may be different from that described here according to its condition.

If you wish to have a reply about the tariff classification and duty rate of specific goods that will be respected at the examination of import declaration, please ask Customs for Advance Ruling in writing.