

Indonesian Import and Export codes – what are they and how to use them?

How are Products Coded in Indonesian trade statistics? What are HS Codes?

When products are exported or imported their trade is measured in terms of HS codes. All products have a HS code. The HS codes are an international hierarchical system of coding from 2-digits down to 8 or 10-digits. To demonstrate how the coding system works, the table below shows Indonesian Import and Export codes for “Oranges”.

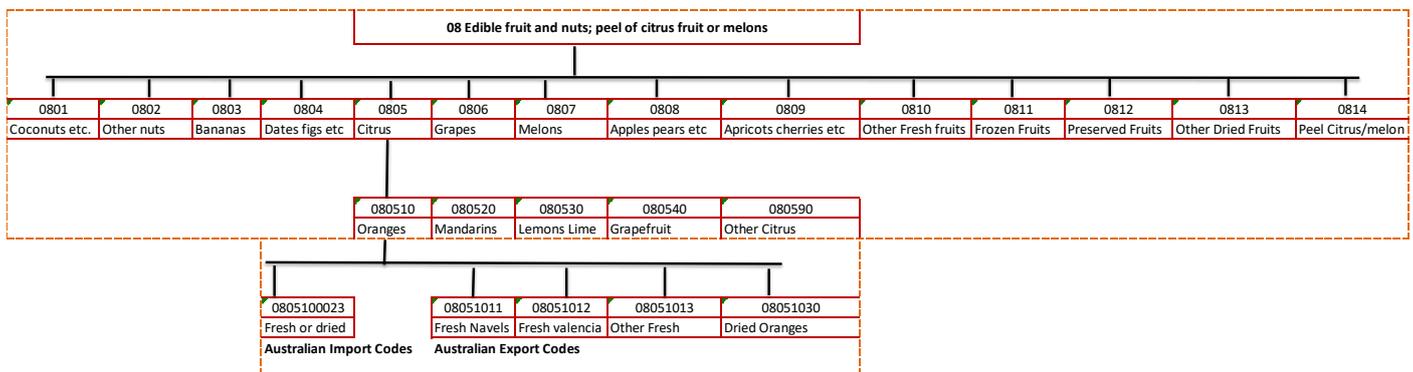
At the 2-digit level all fruits and nuts are coded under the 2-digit Code 08. Under Code 08 there are 14 different 4-digit codes of which one is 0805 Citrus Fruit. Under the 4-digit code 0805, there are 5 different 6-digit citrus fruit codes representing different types of citrus fruit. Oranges is found under code 080510 - Fresh or Dried Oranges.

At the 6-digit level all countries use the same codes as it is an international standard that they adhere to. All countries will classify oranges under code 080510. However, countries can choose to further subdivide to an 8 or 10-digit level if they wish. These 8 or 10-digit codes will comprise the original 6-digit codes (the first 6 digits) and any further digits the country chooses. These 8 or 10-digit codes are then unique to each country. International standardization is only available to the 6-digit level.

In the example below Indonesia does subdivide imports and exports of Oranges into:

- Fresh Oranges - code 08051010 and
- Dried Oranges – code 08051020.

HS Coding System – an example - Oranges



How to Select the Correct HS code?

The first step in any trade analysis is to select the correct HS code for your product. At TradeData we offer you:

- a Free [online tool](#) to assist you; or
- we are happy to assist - click [assist](#) to send us an email describing your product(s) we will find the correct code for you.

Does the HS code accurately represent my product to enable accurate analysis?

It is an important initial step to judge how well the chosen HS code represents your product. The best HS codes are those that represent homogeneous products – that is codes that represent products that are similar. An example is the Indonesian export code of 08051010 = Fresh Oranges. If it is a Fresh Orange, it is not a Dried Orange (code 08051020), or a lemon and so on.

Other HS codes may have several product segments within them. However, if the different products are quite distinctive in terms of their characteristics, a meaningful analysis can usually be undertaken. An example is the Indonesian import code 39100020 - Silicones in dispersions or in solutions. Within this code most imports arrive from China and South Korea at prices around \$US 3.00 per kilogram. However, there are significant import volumes at \$US 0.40 from Germany, and at \$US 7.40 from the USA and Germany. Obviously, the higher and lower priced silicones are quite different from most imports that arrive at \$US 3 per kilogram. If you were knowledgeable in this industry, you would be able to relate these higher/lower priced imports to individual market segments and it would be sensible to analyze them separately.

Dividing import or export statistics into discrete market segments is one of the more important analyses that can be undertaken using trade statistics. TradeData can assist you to undertake these analyses.

The last HS code example is one where the code does not well represent an individual product and is Indonesian import code 84439900 = Parts for paper feeders for photocopying apparatus. This code will have a wide range of different parts included within it. In this instance, other than very general information on the total value of imports, little meaningful analysis can be undertaken with this data.

Once you have selected the correct code it is important then to assess how accurately the code(s) represents your product(s) and will this then enable accurate analysis. TradeData are happy to assist in this.