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Binding Tariff Information: BTI-150/2024

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GOODS	1. AMERICAN CLASSIC LEMON JUICE

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Customs Management (Tariff and Classification of Goods) Regulations, 2022											
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Tariff Classification	Customs Import Duty	COMESA	SADC	AFCFTA	EU/UK	Excise Tax	VAT	Sugar Tax	Levy		
2009.3191 AMERICAN CLASSIC LEMON JUICE (946ML PLASTIC BOTTLE)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	N/A	15%	N/A	SCR1/ BOTTLE		

REMARKS

The specifications for the **AMERICAN CLASSIC LEMON JUICE** provided on finished product samples and specification documents for binding tariff information by the applicant to Classification, Valuation and Rules of Origin unit details

1. Product Name: AMERICAN CLASSIC LEMON JUICE

Description: American Classic Lemon Juice From Concentrate

Packaging: 946MI Plastic Bottle

Ingredient: Lemon Juice From Concentrate (Water, Lemon Juice Concentrate), Sodium Benzoate, and Sodium

Metabisulifite As Food Preservatives, Lemon Oil.

Brix: 6.70

Nutritional Values (per 100ml): Sugar Og

The applicable heading for the AMERICAN CLASSIC LEMON JUICE is 20.09 and was further classified under 2009.3191- Single Citrus Fruit Juice, of brix not exceeding 20, in containers of PET/Plastic

20.09 – Fruit juices (including grape must) and vegetable juices, unfermented and not containing added spirit, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter (+).

As regards juices, unfermented and not containing added spirit, see Note 6 to this Chapter.

The fruit and vegetable juices of this heading are generally obtained by pressing fresh, healthy and ripe fruit or vegetables. This may be done (as in the case of citrus fruits) by means of mechanical "extractors" operating on the same principle as the household lemon-squeezer, or by pressing which may or may not be preceded either by crushing or grinding (for apples in particular) or by treatment with cold or hot water or with steam (e.g., tomatoes, blackcurrants and certain vegetables such as carrots and celery).

The juices of this heading may be concentrated (whether or not frozen) or in the form of crystals or powder provided, in the latter case, that they are entirely or almost entirely soluble in water.

Such products are usually obtained by processes involving either heat (whether or not in a vacuum) or cold (lyophilisation). Certain concentrated juices can be distinguished from their corresponding non-concentrated juices on the basis of their Brix value.

Similarly, intermixtures of juices of fruits or vegetables of the same or different types remain classified in this heading, as do reconstituted juices (i.e., products obtained by the addition, to the concentrated juice, of a quantity of water not exceeding that obtained in similar non-concentrated juices of normal composition).

Note; More advice can be found for Classification of fruit and vegetable juices (CA.1/2014) on the SRC website.

Reference; World Customs Organisation Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System, Explanatory Notes, Seventh Edition (2022) Volume 1.

S.I 14 of 2019- Excise Tax (Imposition Of Sugar Tax On Drinks)

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