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ANALYTICAL DETERMINATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

The Customs Agency advises that, in order to reduce waiting times for the issuance of analytical determinations and certifications which constitute, for internal and external users, a necessity and in line with the organizational dispositions of the Agency, the procedural modalities have been dispensed with in the cases where such activities are conducted within the ambit of market services or vis-à-vis public authorities other than the Agency.

In these cases, in fact, the following procedure must be followed depending on the nature of the party's request, that may or may not include the additional indication on the classification customs of the product undergoing analysis:

A) request for analytical determination or certification only.

The operator who requests only an analytical determination or certification must deliver a product sample to the competent Customs Laboratory, on which, after having carried out the required analytical determinations, will deliver to the applicant the analytical outcome signed by the qualified chemical professionals.

B) request for analytical determination or certification including indication on the customs classification of the product subjected to analysis.

The operator who needs an analytical determination or certification including the customs classification of the product submitted for analysis, must deliver a sample of the product to the competent customs laboratory, which, after running the necessary analytical determinations, will deliver to the applicant only the analytical result signed by qualified chemical professionals. The classification opinion will be issued by one of the customs offices present on the territory chosen by the operator, based on the technical information provided by the laboratory.

C) request for a customs classification opinion solely on a documentary basis.

The operator who needs a classification opinion solely on a documentary basis, must submit a request to one of the customs offices on the territory.

Therefore, it is understood that the ranking opinions issued by the Agency **are provided free of charge and are not binding**, but a simple indication of the customs classification to be attributed to the goods in question and that the only instrument, which fully commits uniformly and legally the Administration vis-à-vis third parties consists solely of the Binding Tariff Information.