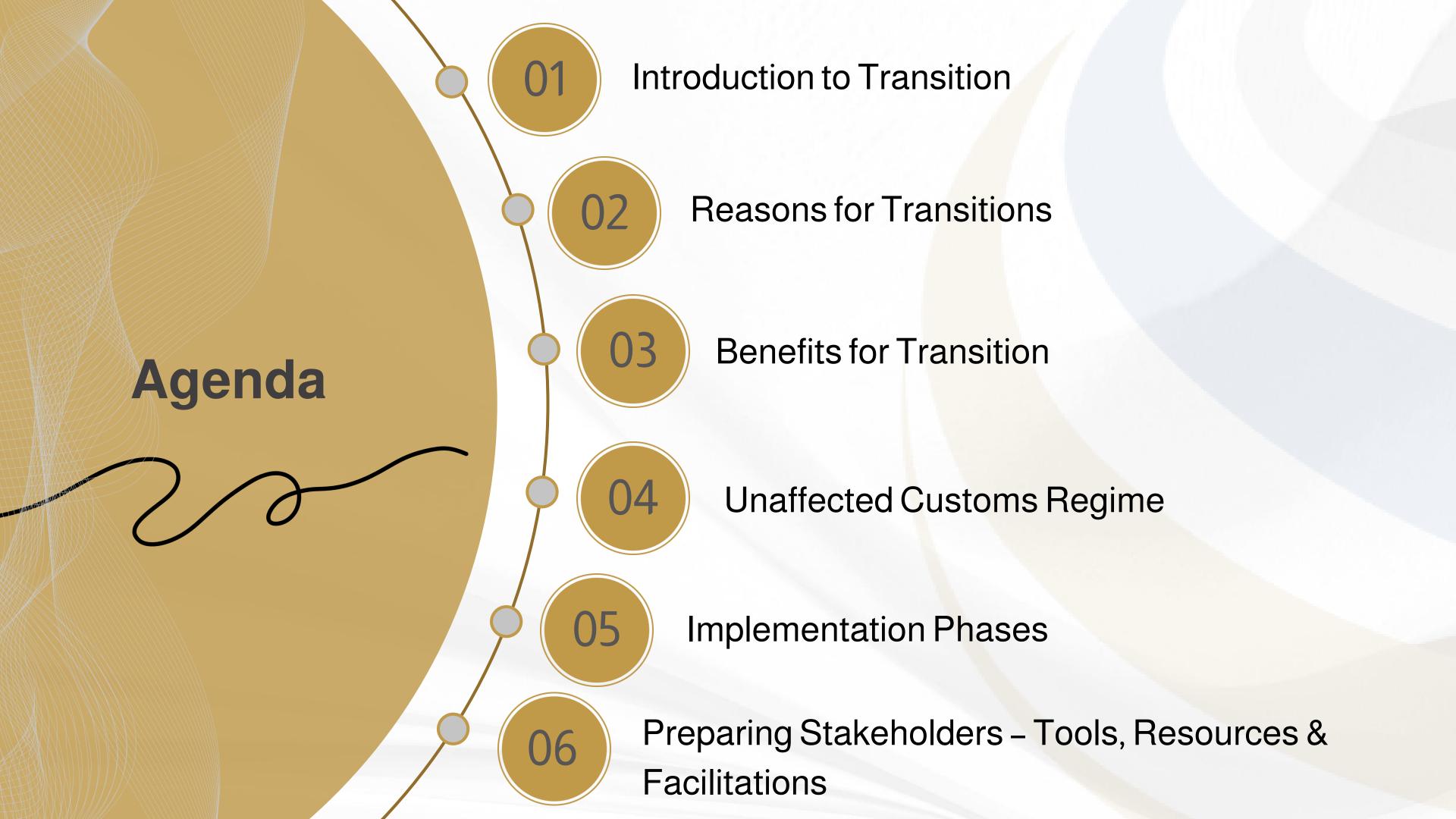


Dubai Customs Transition from 8-digit to 12-digit HS Code

- Adoption of Integrated Customs Tariff Nomenclature -





What is HS Code?

Harmonized System that is used to classify goods and determine customs procedures & duty rates. Previously, items consisted of 8-Digit HS codes and are updated by adding 4 numbers to convert to 12-Digit HS codes.

Integrated Customs Tariff Includes:

- Customs HS codes
- Customs duty rate
- Free Trade Agreements
- Anti-Dumping rate
- Value Added Tax & Excise Tax
- Local & Federal Restriction and Prohibition
 Controlling Authorities



Integrated Customs Tariff

Reasons for Transitions

GCC has published the Tariff Integrated Schedule based on Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System of the WCO (2022), updating the GCC HS Codes from 8-digits to 12-digits

Based on Cabinet Resolution No. (119) of 2024 in regards to approval of the integrated customs tariff nomenclature based on Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System of the GCC states.

Staring August 2025, a new 12-digit harmonized system will be implemented to enhance accuracy, reduce potential discrepancies, and promote standardization of customs procedures.



Benefits of Transition to GCC HS Code

While challenges such as misidentification, classification errors, and increased complexity are anticipated, the benefits of alignment with the GCC mandate make this transition essential.





Standardize customs processes across the GCC to enable policy-level alignment





Support stakeholders in adapting to the GCC-wide 12-digit system for smoother cross-border operations.

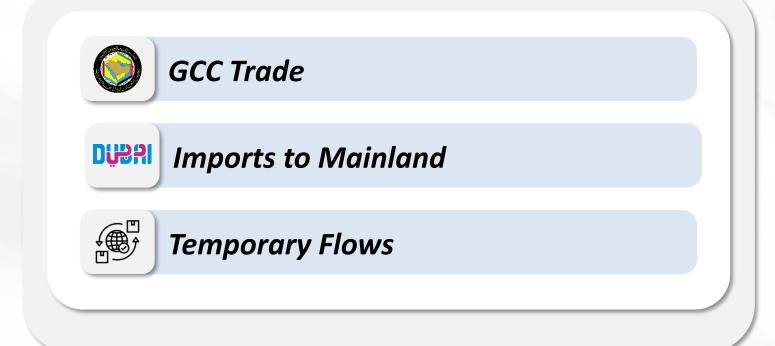
This is why the implementation is being carried out in a phased, transitional manner, to minimize disruptions and support gradual adaptation.

Trade Flows Exempted from 12-Digit HS Codes

(exempted from application of integrated customs tariff)

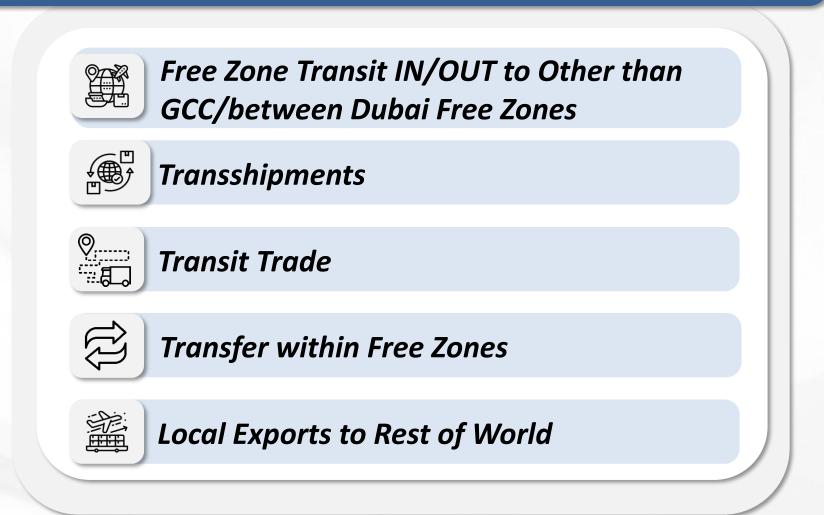


Declaration types **included** in 12-Digit classification



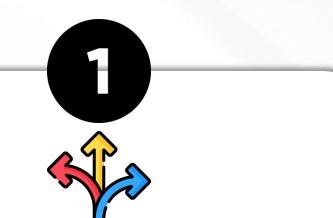


Declaration types **exempted** from **12-Digit classification**



For exempted trade flows, 8-digit codes continue to apply

Why are these exceptions created?



Allow operational flexibility
during the initial transition phase





Avoid complicated procedures and transit delays





Reduce administration and financial burdens on traders





Safeguard International Trade & Maintain Dubai's position as a leading global logistics hub

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Ensure minimal disruption to international trade flows





Not targeting local market

Implementation phases



Why a phased approach?

Gradual, low-risk application

August 2025 - onwards

Strategic plan to allow gradual implementation based on type of trade in order to reduce disruptions, facilitate implementation, monitor the impacts and enable direct improvements.

What does this mean to you?

Items at 12-digit HS code level

From 7809 to 13450 HS codes



Newly Inserted HS codes

New codes added to cover items that were not previously classified

951

HS Codes

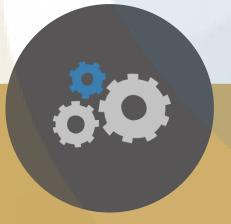


Sub-Divided HS codes

Expand an existing section to include specific products in precise process

6518

HS Codes



Unchanged HS codes

Zeros added with no modification to the content

5981

HS Codes



Smart phone devices

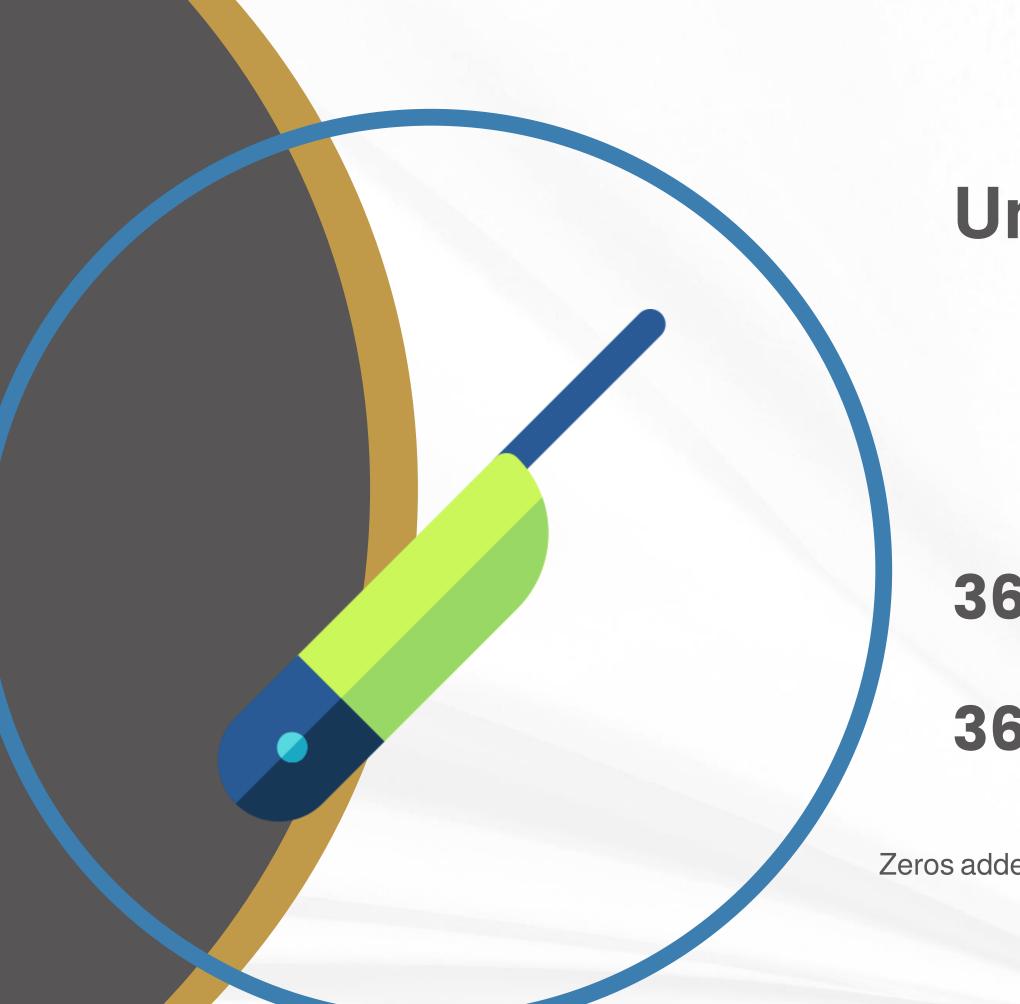
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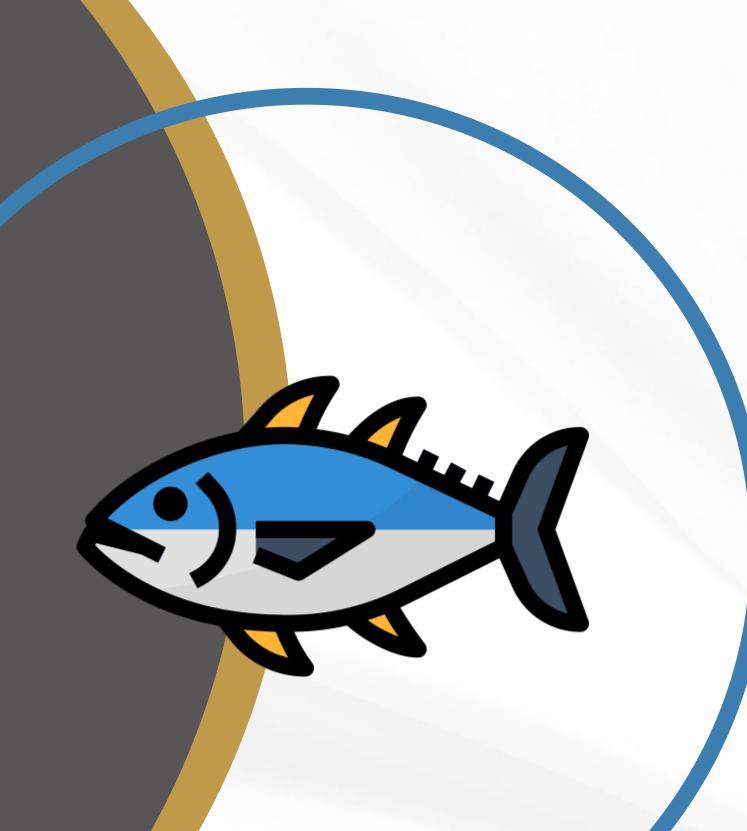
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Igniters

36035000

36035000 0000



Big Eye Tunas

03023400

03023400 0000

Sub-headings



Calendaring or other rolling machines, other than for metals or glass

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Paper Polishing Machines

2 84201000 0002
Textile Polishing Machines

84201000 0003
Leather Polishing Machines

84201000 0004
Plastic Polishing Machines

Sub-headings



71039100

Rubies, sapphires and emeralds



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7103 91 00 00 02 Sapphires

7103 91 00 00 03 Emeralds

Sub-headings



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Night Vision Binoculars

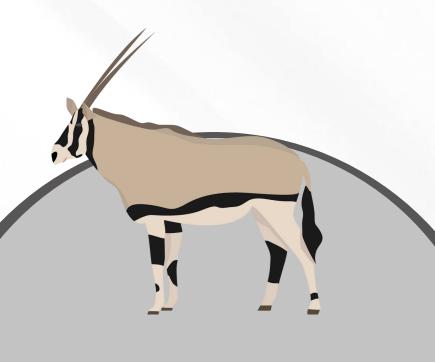
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Binoculars

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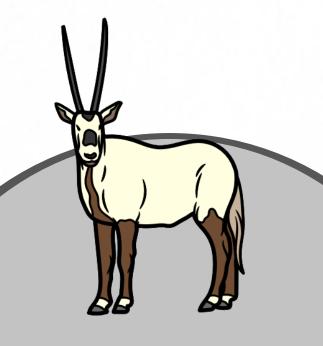
NEWLY Inserted HS Codes



Live African Oryx

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Live Arabian Oryx

01029011 0000



Tools & Resources



Al Munassiq:

AI Built IN Application HS code classification



Correlation Table:

8-to-12-digit code mapping



Trader Guidebook:

Transition reference guide with FAQs



Operational Support



Extended Operating Hours & Live

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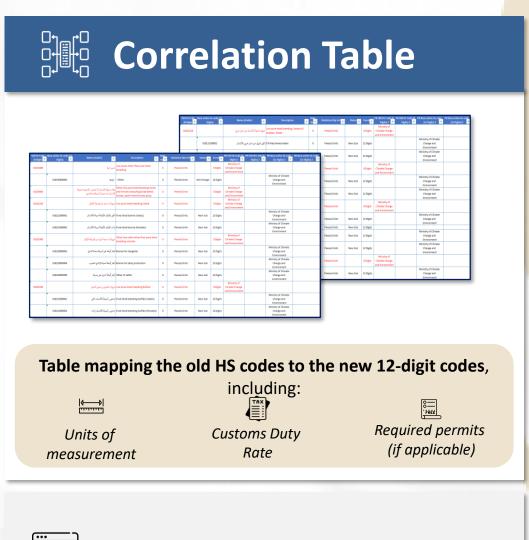
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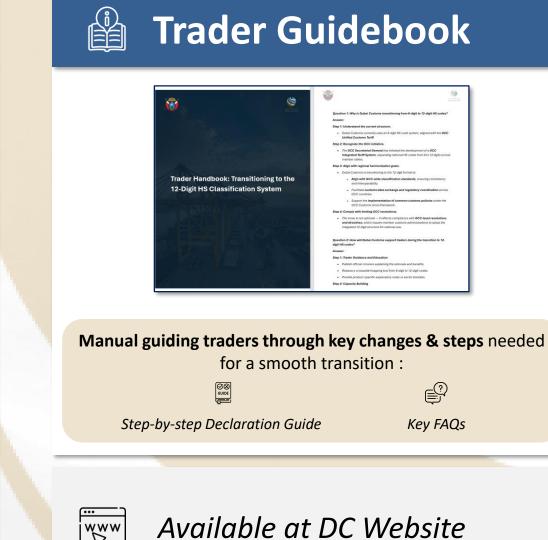
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Tools and Resources

Tool Al Munassiq Support Provided Digital app providing AI enabled classification of goods, including: **HS Codes** Restrictions **Duty Rate**











Available in Apple Store, Google

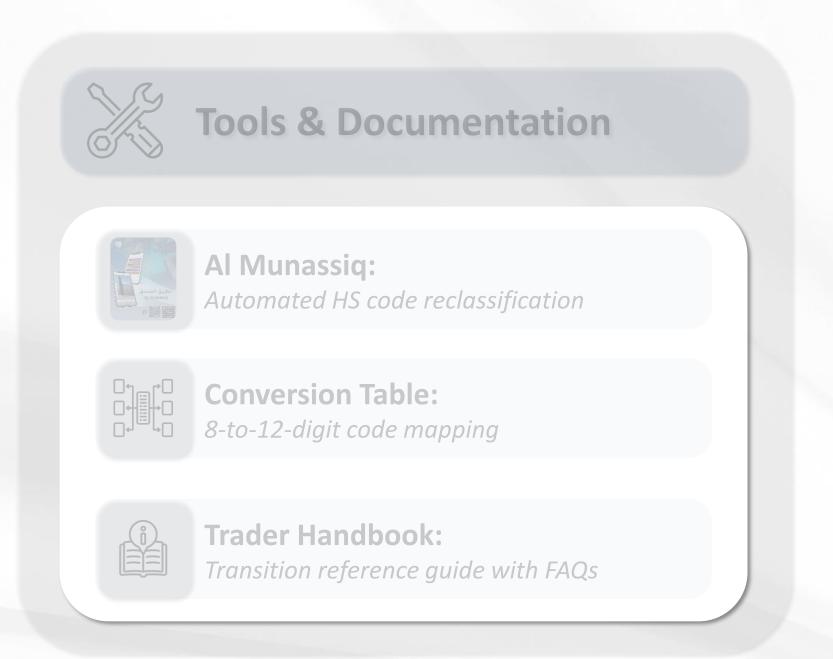


Available at DC Website



Available indefinitely

Dubai Customs' Preparations Operational Support





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Tool

Extended Operating Hours

Support Provided Live support for traders regarding all questions related to the 12-digit classification service by the Tariff department daily between 8am – 6pm

Service Channel

Duration



Phone: 8001886

Extended hours available until year end



Reclassification Service

Submit goods descriptions and receive a Dubai Customs verified classification within 1 working day



Dubai Customs Online Services





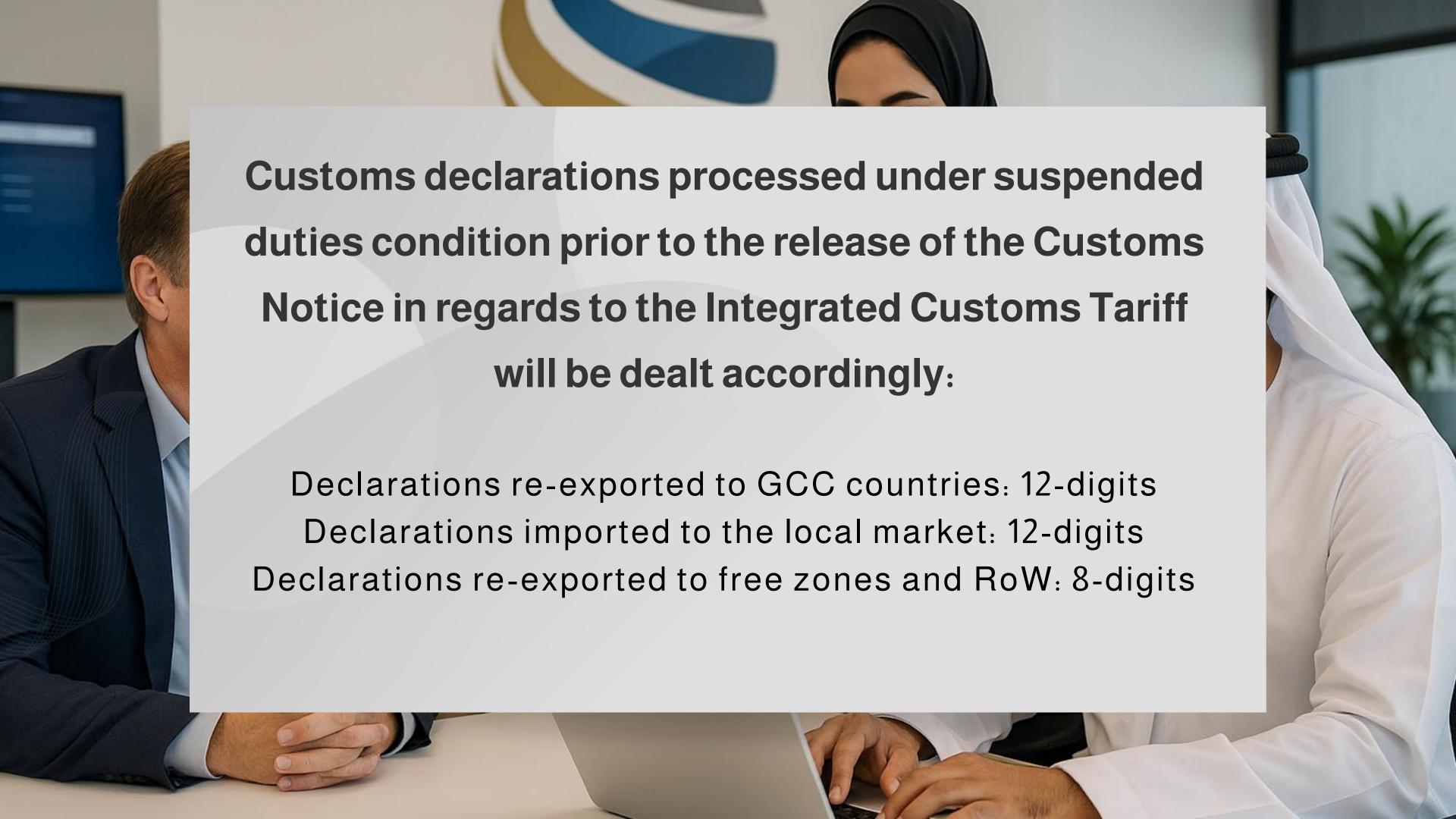
Workshops

Attend weekly workshops to learn more about the transition and available tools for your support

- Microsoft Teams
- Dubai Logistics Academy

weekly sessions





Support and Communication

- Dubai Customs official page

 www.dubaicustoms.ae
- Online services available on Dubai Trade platform

 www.dubaitrade.ae
- Contact Client Happiness Department Phone: 8001886
 Email: 1886@dubaicustoms.ae
- Upcoming awareness workshops to raise readiness and compliance level

Thank YOU