

**REVISED
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TRADE CLASSIFICATION
1965 REVISION (R. I. T. C.)**



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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

The Indian Trade Classification as revised on the basis of the Standard International Trade Classification (original) was implemented with effect from 1-1-1957. It comprised nearly 4,850 articles with 9-digit codes retaining the framework of the S.I.T.C. (original) classification upto the 5-digit item levels. The list was common for imports, exports and re-exports. Thereafter several proposals for changes in and additions to the list were received from the trade as well as from Government Departments. Only in special cases however the desired amendments in the classification could be carried out.

With the later development and diversification of the country's trade and industry, it was felt that the list should be revised again keeping in view the current requirements of various Government departments, Export Promotion Councils, Chambers of Commerce and other important trade and industrial organisations in the country. Meanwhile the U. N. Statistical Office has revised the original S.I.T.C. by combining it and the 1955 Tariff Nomenclature (BTN) of the Customs Co-operation Council (Brussels). In the S. I. T. C., Revised most of the principal items (5-digit codes) of the original S. I. T. C. reappear as 4-digit sub-groups of the S. I. T. C., Revised. By the use, where necessary, of 5-digit headings a reciprocal one-to-one correspondence was achieved between the headings of the S. I. T. C., Revised and the BTN. This correspondence permits *inter alia* the precision of definition available for BTN items to be applied directly to S. I. T. C., Revised. Following the decision to revise the Indian Trade Classification on the basis of S. I. T. C., Revised, we have adopted it fully upto its 5-digit codes. The Revised Classification was drawn up after sub-dividing them into 7-digit headings according to our requirements. Many unimportant articles of the old list have been replaced by new ones and the total number of commodities in the Revised Indian Trade Classification, according to which the foreign trade of India is to be recorded, has increased to 5,000.

In cases where no sub-divisions after 4 or 5-digit (sub-group and item) levels of the S. I. T. C., Revised have been made, the description of the articles has been repeated with 7-digit code (*i.e.*, by adding 3 or 2 zeroes, as necessary). In some cases the descriptions have been modified on the basis of corresponding BTN headings to make them more explanatory. Relevant BTN code numbers have been shown in brackets against the 5-digit (*including* undivided 4-digit) headings. In a few cases deviations from the S. I. T. C., Revised had to be made to satisfy national needs. In those places, however, adequate indications have also been given so that there may not be any difficulty in correlating those headings with the corresponding S. I. T. C., Revised items. For some articles where a more detailed break-down is required, new Code Nos. have been allotted for the concerned group, sub-group or item of the S. I. T. C., Revised. In all such cases blank spaces of the S. I. T. C., Revised have been utilised. There are also instances where unsplit sub-groups (4-digit) of the S. I. T. C., Revised have been sub-divided into new items (5-digit). There has been minor deviation at the Division (2-digit) level under Sec C

where 054.2 and 055.41 have been shifted to new Codes 049.1 and 049.2 respectively in order to bring together all grain, pulse and flour. The coverages under groups 653 to 657 are also slightly different. Details of deviations from the S. I. T. C., Revised are given at the end of the note.

As against 177 groups of the S. I. T. C., Revised sub-divided into 625 sub-groups, there are 184 groups of the R. I. T. C., sub-divided into 650 sub-groups (4-digit level). Out of the 650 sub-groups, 296 have been sub-divided into 1088 items (5-digit level), 610 of which have been further sub-divided into 4168 commodities (7-digit level). Total number of commodities separately specified in the R. I. T. C. is 5000 (including 354 undivided sub-groups and 478 undivided items).

To facilitate proper classification of different commodities entering in the foreign trade of India, explanatory 'Notes' have been given at the beginning of each section. These are based mainly on the notes preceding each chapter of the BTN (Appendix I—Statistical Papers, Series M. No. 34). For further information regarding coverage of each item, U. N. Statistical Papers Series M. No. 38, Vol. I may be consulted.

An alphabetical Index to the R. I. T. C., is also under preparation. It will cover all commodities which are known to enter the country's foreign trade.

Matching of S. I. T. C., Revised headings with those of R. I. T. C. headings where deviations have been made.

S. I. T. C., Revised headings	Corresponding R. I. T. C. headings	S. I. T. C., Revised headings	Corresponding R. I. T. C. headings
054.2	049.1	332.61	332.6
055.41	049.2	332.62	
276.51	276.71	332.91	332.9
276.52	276.8	332.96	
276.53	276.73		534.1 to 534.4
276.54	276.74		
282.0	282.1 282.2	531.01	534.52 534.53 534.6 to 534.9
331.01		331.0	
331.02			531.02
332.51	332.5	599.99	599.97
332.52			599.98

S. I. T. C., Revised headings	Corresponding R. I. T. C. headings	S. I. T. C. Revised headings	Corresponding R. I. T. C. headings
552-11	658-2101	654-05	{ 654-05
652-12	658-2102		{ 658-45
	{ 658-11	654-06	{ 654-06
	{ 658-22	654-06	{ 658-46
	{ 658-3101		{ 655-1
652-13	{ 658-3102	655-1	{ 658-51
	{ 658-3109		{ 655-41
	{ 658-3201	655-41	{ 658-5209
652-21	{ 658-2301		{ 655-42
	{ 658-2302	655-42	{ 658-5211
	{ 658-2303		{ 658-5212
	{ 658-2304	655-43	{ 658-5219
652-22	{ 658-2311		{ 655-43
	{ 658-2312	655-43	{ 658-5221
	{ 658-2313		{ 655-44
	{ 658-2314	655-44	{ 658-5239
652-23	{ 658-2321		{ 655-45
	{ 658-2329	655-45	{ 658-5241
	{ 658-3111		{ 658-5249
	{ 658-3119	655-46	{ 655-46
	{ 658-12		{ 658-5259
	{ 658-13	655-46	{ 659-2001
	{ 658-14		{ 655-5
	{ 658-15	655-5	{ 658-53
	{ 658-16		{ 655-61
	{ 658-24	655-61	{ 658-5401
	{ 658-25		{ 659-2002
652-29	{ 658-26		{ 655-62
	{ 658-27	655-62	{ 658-5402
	{ 658-28		{ 655-63
	{ 658-29	655-63	{ 658-5403
	{ 658-3121		{ 659-2003
	{ 658-3122	655-72	{ 655-72
	{ 658-3129		{ 658-55
	{ 658-3209	655-81	{ 655-81
653-4	{ 659-11		{ 658-5601
	{ 659-12		
	{ 659-13		
653-7	{ 658-33		
654-01	{ 654-01		
	{ 658-41		
	{ 659-14		
654-02	{ 654-02		
	{ 658-42		
654-03	{ 654-03		
	{ 658-43		
654-04	{ 654-04		
	{ 658-44		

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S. I. T. C., Revised headings	Corresponding R. I. T. C. headings	S. I. T. C., Revised headings	Corresponding R. I. T. C. headings
655-82	{ 655-82 658-5602	656-92	{ 656-92 658-65
655-83	{ 655-83 658-5603 659-2009	657-42	{ 657-42 658-71 659-4001
655-91	{ 655-91 658-5701	657-5	{ 657-5 658-72
655-92	{ 655-92 658-5711 658-5712 658-5719	657-6	{ 657-6 658-73 659-4002 659-4003
656-1	{ 656-14 658-61 659-31	657-7	{ 657-7 658-74 659-4004
656-2	{ 656-2 658-62 659-32	715-1	{ 715-3 to 715-9
656-62	658-63	—	896-07
656-91	{ 656-91 658-64	Sec.9	{ Group 911 Group 931 Group 941 Group 951 Group 961

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