

The edible fruit and nuts are classified in the European Classification of Goods (CN) according to:

- their 'genus' or plant family - for example citrus fruit such as oranges and grapefruit
- their state - they may be fresh, chilled, frozen, dried or provisionally preserved

This guide will help you classify edible fruit and nuts correctly for the purposes of the Tariff.

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## Definitions

- Genus - a group of similar plant types. The term forms the first part of the plant's Latin or botanical name.
- Genera - the plural of genus.
- Harmonised System (HS) - classifies commodities under different codes so that the correct duties and controls are applied to imports and exports.
- Harmonised System Explanatory Notes (HSEs) - these give useful guidance about the scope of the Tariff chapters, headings and subheadings.
- Oleaginous - oil producing, for example groundnuts.
- Species - a subdivision of a plant family or genus. It forms the second part of the Latin or botanical name.
- Vaccinium - plant family of berry-bearing shrubs, including cranberries, bilberries and blueberries.
- Var. - Variety. This indicates a subdivision of a species

## Classifying frozen fruit and nuts

Frozen fruit and nuts are classified under heading code 0811. They can be either uncooked, or cooked by steaming or boiling in water before being frozen. They may or may not have sugar or other sweeteners added. 'Frozen' means that the product has been cooled to below its freezing point until it is frozen right the way through.

If a fruit product covered by Chapter 8 isn't frozen throughout then it can't be classified under heading code 0811. Soft frozen or partially frozen fruit must be classified as chilled.

The following types of fruit and nut are specifically listed under heading code 0811:

- strawberries
- raspberries, blackberries, mulberries, loganberries, blackcurrants, whitecurrants, redcurrants and gooseberries
- cranberries, bilberries and blueberries
- tropical fruit
- tropical nuts

## Classifying dried fruit and nuts

Chapter 8 covers a variety of dried fruit and nuts. Provided that they still keep the characteristics of dried fruit or dried nuts, these can have absorbed some fluid so that they have become partially rehydrated. They can also have been treated for one of the following purposes:

- to preserve or stabilise the product - for example by moderate heat treatment, sulphuring or adding sorbic acid or potassium sorbate
- to improve or maintain the product's appearance - for example by adding vegetable oil or small quantities of glucose syrup

## Classifying frozen tropical fruit

Subheading codes 0811 90 11, 0811 90 31 and 0811 90 85 cover frozen fruit, including tropical fruit, with or without added sugar or other sweeteners. For classification purposes, for all of these subheading codes 'tropical fruit' means:

- carambola
- cashew apples
- guavas
- jackfruit
- lychees
- mangoes
- mangosteens
- passion fruit
- pawpaws (or papayas)
- pitahaya
- sapodilla plums
- tamarinds

## Classifying tropical nuts

Subheading codes 0811 90 11, 0811 90 31 and 0811 90 85 cover frozen nuts, including tropical nuts, with or without added sugar or other sweeteners. Tropical nuts that are provisionally preserved are covered under subheading code 0812 90 70. Subheading code 0813 50 31 covers mixtures of tropical nuts. For classification purposes for all of these subheading codes, 'tropical nuts' means:

- areca (or betel nut)
- Brazil nuts
- cashew nuts
- coconuts
- cola nuts
- macadamia nuts

Fresh or dried tropical nuts that aren't mixed are covered under heading code 0801.

## Classifying provisionally preserved fruit and nuts

Provisionally preserved fruit and nuts are classified under heading code 0812. They must not be suitable for eating immediately. They're generally preserved in a solution like sulphur dioxide gas, brine or sulphur water just for transport and storage purposes before being used in the food industry - mainly for making jam. They must stay in that state and remain unsuitable for immediate consumption.

So fruit items that have been preserved but that can be eaten straight from the jar, like glace cherries or strawberry jam, are **not** provisionally preserved and are classified elsewhere. If they can be eaten with no further treatment or processing they're classified in Chapter 20.

## Classification and Latin names for edible fruit and nuts

Common Name	Alternatives	Latin Name	HS Code
Akee		Blighia sapida	0810 90
Alkekengy	Chinese lantern Strawberry tomato Cape gooseberry	Physalis (various)	0810 90
Avocado pear		Persea americana	0804 40
Annona		Annona (various)	0810 90
Arbutus fruit	Strawberry-tree fruit	Arbutus unedo	0810 90
Averrhoa	Carambola	Averrhoa carambola	0810 90
Bael	Bengal quince	Aegle marmelos	0810 90
Breadfruit		Artocarpus incisa Artocarpus communis	0810 90
Bullace		Prunus insititia	0809 40
Carambola	Averrhoa	Averrhoa carambola	0810 90
Ceriman		Monstera deliciosa	0810 90
Cherimoya		Annona cherimolia	0810 90
Chinotto		Citrus aurantium var. myrtifolia	0805 90
Citron		Citrus medica	0805 90
Etrog		Citrus medica var. etrog	0805 90
Filbert	Hazelnut	Corylus maxima	0802 21 0802 22
Governor plum	Botoko plum Ramontochi	Flacourtia indica	0810 90
Gage		Prunus italica	0809 40
Gean	Sweet cherry	Prunus avium	0809 20
Granadilla (purple)	Passion fruit	Passiflora edulis	0810 90
Granadilla (giant)		Passiflora quadrangularis	0810 90
Jack fruit	Jak fruit	Artocarpus integrifolia	0810 90
Japanese medlar	Loquat	Eriobotrya japonica	0810 90
Jujube	T'Sao Chinese date	Zizyphus jujuba	0810 90
Kiwi fruit	Chinese gooseberry	Actinidia chinensis	0810 50
Kumquat		Fortunella (various) Citrus japonica/margarita	0810 90
Langsat	Lanzone boboa	Lansium domesticum	0810 90
Loquat	Japanese medlar	Eriobotrya japonica	0810 90
Malaquina (hybrid of orange and mandarin)			0805 20
Medlar		Mespilu germanica	0810 90
Mirabelle		Prunus domestica var. syriaca	0809 40
Mineola			0805 20

Monreale			0805 20
Papaw	Papaya	Carica papaya	0807 20
Persimmon	Kaki Date plum	Diospyros (various)	0810 90
Pomelo	Shaddock Pummelo	Citrus grandis	0805 40
Pulasan		Nephelium mutabile	0810 90
Quince		Cydonia vulgaris	0808 20
Rambutan		Nephelium lappaceum	0801 90
Sapodilla	Naseberry Sapota Chiko	Achras sapota	0810 90
Soursop		Annona muricata	0810 90
Sorbs	Rowan berry	Sorbus aucuparia	0810 90
Sweetsop	Custard apple	Annona squamosa	0810 90
Ugli (hybrid of grapefruit and tangerine)		Citrus	0805 20
Water chestnut	Caltrops	Trapa natans	0802 90