



HTS Classification Research Report

Draft classification research for broker review.

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Sample Client (Demonstration)

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PRIMARY HTS CODE

8211.92.2000

HIGH CONFIDENCE

OFFICIAL HTSUS DESCRIPTION

Knives with cutting blades: Other knives having fixed blades: With rubber or plastics handles.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Stainless steel chef's knife, 10-inch fixed blade, riveted polymer handle.

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Germany

INTENDED USE

Commercial resale

DUTY RATE ESTIMATE

0.8¢ each + 4.6% ad valorem

Broker must verify current HTSUS duty rate before filing.

INPUT COMPLETENESS

Product type, blade material (stainless steel), blade length and configuration (10-inch fixed blade), handle material (riveted polymer), country of origin, and commercial channel were all provided. Confidence is high because these facts cleanly satisfy heading 8211 and the 8211.92 subheading distinction. Broker must still verify the suggested code against the current HTSUS before filing.



Compliance Risk Flags for Broker Review



Section 301

NO PRELIMINARY RISK FLAG GENERATED — BROKER VERIFICATION REQUIRED

No China-origin Section 301 risk flag was generated from the stated facts. Country of origin is stated as Germany. Broker must verify current trade measures against official sources before filing.



AD/CVD

NO PRELIMINARY RISK FLAG GENERATED — BROKER VERIFICATION REQUIRED

No AD/CVD risk flag was generated from the provided facts in this beta demonstration. Broker must verify current AD/CVD orders before filing.



UFLPA

NO DIRECT RISK TRIGGER IDENTIFIED — BROKER VERIFICATION REQUIRED

No direct UFLPA trigger generated from the provided product facts; origin and supply-chain documentation should still be reviewed where relevant.



FCC

NO DIRECT RISK TRIGGER IDENTIFIED — BROKER VERIFICATION REQUIRED

No FCC risk trigger generated — product does not appear to contain radio frequency components based on stated facts. Broker should confirm if product includes wireless modules.



FDA

NO DIRECT RISK TRIGGER IDENTIFIED — BROKER VERIFICATION REQUIRED

No FDA risk trigger generated from stated facts. Broker should confirm whether the product is a regulated FDA article.



CPSC

NO PRELIMINARY RISK FLAG GENERATED — BROKER VERIFICATION REQUIRED

No consumer product safety risk flag generated in this sample. Broker must verify product-specific requirements.

ClassifyIQ flags potential review areas based on available product facts. Final classification, duty treatment, PGA requirements, and compliance decisions must be verified by the broker/importer against current official sources.

Classification Reasoning

GRI 1 applies. Heading 8211 covers knives with cutting blades. The relevant subheading distinction is table-use versus preparation-use. Subheading 8211.91 covers table knives used as dining cutlery at the table. A 10-inch chef's knife is a kitchen preparation tool, not dining cutlery. Therefore, 8211.92 applies as other fixed-blade knives. The statistical breakout is based on the stated polymer/plastic handle.

Chapter and Section Notes Reviewed

- Chapter 82 reviewed — knives and cutting blades
- Section XV reviewed — base metal article context
- No exclusion identified in this demonstration based on stated facts
- Broker must verify against current HTSUS notes



Alternative Code Considered

ALTERNATIVE HTS CODE

8211.91.5000

WHY CONSIDERED

Table knives having fixed blades

WHY REJECTED

Rejected because the table-use test fails — a 10-inch chef's knife is designed for kitchen food preparation, not for dining table use.

WHEN THIS CODE WOULD APPLY

8211.91.5000 may apply to fixed-blade dining/table cutlery such as steak knives, dinner knives, butter knives, or fish knives. If the product were described as a table knife rather than a chef's knife, this code may apply.

Verification Notes

- Verify the current HTSUS rate for 8211.92.2000 before filing.
- Confirm handle material as plastic/polymer for the .20 statistical suffix.
- Confirm intended use as kitchen preparation, not table cutlery.
- Verify AD/CVD, special trade measures, sanctions, marking requirements, and any applicable PGA requirements against official sources before filing. No China-origin Section 301 risk flag was generated from the stated facts.
- Confirm country-of-origin marking on commercial invoice and packaging.

The full 10-digit statistical breakout is supported by the analysis above and should be verified by the licensed broker against the current HTSUS schedule before filing.

Client Summary

Dear Client,

Here is a plain-English summary of the classification research for your imported product.

Product: Stainless steel chef's knife with a 10-inch fixed blade and polymer handle, manufactured in Germany and intended for commercial resale in the United States.

Draft classification: The analysis suggests HTS code 8211.92.2000 as the primary classification candidate. This provision covers other fixed-blade knives with rubber or plastic handles, which matches the stated polymer handle and kitchen preparation use.

Estimated import duty: Based on this draft classification, the estimated duty rate is 0.8¢ each plus 4.6% ad valorem. Duty rates must be verified against the current HTSUS before filing.



Compliance review: No additional preliminary risk flags were generated from the stated facts in this demonstration. The broker should verify AD/CVD, UFLPA, PGA, marking, special trade measures, and other applicable requirements against official sources before use. Broker verification against official sources is still required.



Broker Review & Final Checks

IMPORTANT NOTE

This report is an AI-assisted research draft for broker review. It is not legal advice, not customs brokerage advice, and not a binding ruling. Final classification responsibility remains with the licensed customs broker or importer of record.

Broker Review Notes

Classification reviewed: Yes No

Duty rate verified against HTSUS: Yes No

Compliance risk flags reviewed against official sources: Yes No

Broker notes:

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Recommended Next Steps

1. Verify the classification reasoning against the current HTSUS.
2. Confirm duty rate and applicable compliance review areas against official sources before filing.
3. Request a CBP binding ruling if classification risk is material or facts are uncertain.