



**NINETIETH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

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**REGULATION C/REG/.3/07/23 AMENDING THE LIST OF CATEGORIES OF GOODS  
CONTAINED IN THE ECOWAS TARIFF AND STATISTICAL NOMENCLATURE**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

**MINDFUL** of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Revised Treaty creating the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

**MINDFUL** of the Decision A/DEC.17/01/06 adopting the ECOWAS Common External Tariff;

**MINDFUL** of the Supplementary Act A/SA.1/06/09 amending the Decision A/DEC.17/01/06 adopting the ECOWAS Common External Tariff;

**MINDFUL** of Supplementary Act A/SA.1/12/16 on the creation, organization and functioning of the ECOWAS-UEMOA joint committee for the management of the ECOWAS Customs Union;

**MINDFUL** of the Supplementary Act A/SA.2/12/17 adopting the ECOWAS Customs Code;

**MINDFUL** of Regulation C/REG.12/09/20 on the procedures for amending the list comprising the categories of goods in the Tariff and Statistical Nomenclature (TSN) of the ECOWAS Common External Tariff (ECOWAS CET);

**MINDFUL** of Regulation C/REG.16/12/21 on the definition of the list of categories of goods contained in the ECOWAS Tariff and Statistical Nomenclature based on the 2022 version of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System Nomenclature;

**DESIRING** to implement the provisions of articles 35, 36 and 37 of the ECOWAS Revised Treaty relating to the establishment of ECOWAS Common External Tariff and concerning all goods imported from third countries into member states and in this regard define the list of categories of goods contained in the ECOWAS Tariff and Statistical Nomenclature (TSN);

**UPON** the recommendation of the 7th meeting of the Ministers in charge of Finance of ECOWAS Member States held in Abidjan on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022;

**UPON THE OPINION** of the ECOWAS Parliament during its First Ordinary Session held in Abuja from 8<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

## ENACTS:

### ARTICLE 1: DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Regulation, the following definitions shall apply:

**“ECOWAS Tariff and Statistical Nomenclature”** means the common Customs nomenclature based on the 2022 version of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System, adopted by the Community’;

**“Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System or Harmonized System”** means the International Convention of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System, adopted by the Customs Co-operation Council in 1988.

### ARTICLE:2: OBJECTIVE

The objective of this regulation is to amend the list of categories of goods contained in ECOWAS Tariff and Statistical Nomenclature (TSN) of the ECOWAS Common External Tariff (CET) adopted by Regulation C/REG.16/12/21 on the definition of the list of categories of goods contained in the ECOWAS Tariff and Statistical Nomenclature based on the 2022 version of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System Nomenclature of 10th December 2021.

### ARTICLE 3: MODIFICATION OF THE LIST OF CATEGORIES OF GOODS CONTAINED IN THE ECOWAS TARIFF AND STATISTICAL NOMENCLATURE

1. The list of categories of goods contained in the ECOWAS Tariff and Statistical Nomenclature (TSN) adopted by Regulation C/REG/16/12/21 on the definition of the list of categories of goods contained in the ECOWAS Tariff and Statistical Nomenclature based on the 2022 version of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System Nomenclature of 10th December 2021 is hereby amended.
2. The amended list of categories of goods contained in the ECOWAS Tariff and Statistical Nomenclature is annexed as to this Regulation.

### ARTICLE 4: PUBLICATION

1. This **REGULATION C/REG.3/07/23** shall be published by the Commission in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of the date of its signing by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers.

2. It will also be published by each Member State, in its Official Journal, within thirty (30) days, after notification of same by the Commission.

**ARTICLE 5: ENTRY INTO FORCE**

This **REGULATION C/REG.3/07/2023** shall enter into force upon its publication.

**DONE AT BISSAU, ON 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023**



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**H.E. SUZI CARLA BARBOSA**

**FOR THE COUNCIL**

**THE CHAIRPERSON**