

## LOOKING UP A CODE IN THE COMBINED NOMENCLATURE

The combined nomenclature of products is arranged as follows: first raw materials, then semi-finished products and lastly finished products.

The nomenclature of products is now only provided electronically on the Intrastat website (regulation in the official journal).

The best way of finding the right code is as follows:

1. Look in the **table of contents at the front of the pdf file**. The table of contents is divided into various sections (I, II, III, etc.), which are in turn subdivided into various chapters (1.,2.,3., etc.).
2. **Select the chapter that comes closest** to the definition of the product to be classified (Chapter = two digit heading).
3. **Now go to the first page of the chapter in question.**
4. **Read the notes** accompanying the chapter (+ any notes on the section to which the chapter belongs).
5. Starting at the beginning of the chapter, **read carefully the description of the 4-digit codes (called headings) and choose the heading** with the description that fits your product.
6. **Within that heading, now decide the right 6-digit code** that corresponds to the description of your product.
7. **Within that 6-digit code, now select the correct 8-digit code (or CN code)** which indicates the product by name or the code whose description does not exclude the product.

In most cases this method will lead to the correct code being assigned to the product. In case of doubt, you should check the code using the "General rules for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature", set out on pages 11 and 12 of the official journal..