



Resolution of the National Parliament

15 of November of 2023

Resolution by the National Parliament on the ratification of the International Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS)

Considering that Timor-Leste has been a Member of the World Customs Organization (WCO) since July 2003 and the need to adhere to the WCO's International Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System, for full use of the Timor Customs Tariff -East in the 2017 version of the Harmonized System.

Considering that Timor-Leste actively participates in meetings of the WCO Customs Cooperation Council and is interested in participating in technical committees, namely the Harmonized System Committee and subcommittees related to it.

Considering that the Customs Code of Timor-Leste, Decree-Law No. 14/2017, Article 88, determines that the Customs Tariff must be based on the Harmonized Commodity Designation and Coding System, which comprises the Nomenclature of Goods, under the terms the current text of the International Convention.

Considering that the main objective of the HS Convention is to facilitate international trade, this is also the objective of the Timorese Government.

Considering that more than 98% of world trade uses the Harmonized System.

Considering that, in addition to facilitating international trade, the Harmonized System can also ensure the adequate collection of customs revenue and considerably improve the reliability of trade statistics.

Given that the Harmonized System is increasingly used for many other purposes, such as determining the origin of goods, economic analysis, formulating trade policy, domestic taxation and controlling cross-border movements of internationally regulated substances such as waste and residues, precursors of narcotic drugs and substances that destroy the ozone layer.

Therefore,

a) The National Parliament resolves, in accordance with paragraph f) of number 3 of article 95 of the Constitution of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, to ratify, for accession, the International Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System, of the World Customs Organization (WCO), celebrated in Brussels on June 14, 1983, the text of which in Portuguese is published below.

Approved in the National Parliament on November 15, 2023.

The President of the National Parliament

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