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**CTU Code App mechanism – three selection criteria**

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This document provides information on the lists developed for three selection criteria to be used for filtering information from CTU Code by users through the app as per their needs. The thinking behind in the development of the lists with the three selection criteria is also provided.

**Development of the selection criteria**

The three lists below were developed initially as the possible selection criteria for filing information from the CTU Code through the future App, among them CTU Type, Commodity and Packaging. The intersession discussion on the lists suggested that these lists were too restrictive and needed expanding. At the same time, it was recommended that a limit to the number of categories, ideally 15, is set.

<p><b>CTU Code</b></p> <p><b>Select CTU type to use</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="radio"/> Box container</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Tank container</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Flat rack</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Road vehicle</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Rail waggon</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Roll trailer</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Any (all topics)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: #FFD700; padding: 5px;">Next -&gt;</p>	<p><b>CTU Code</b></p> <p style="color: green;">Selected: Box container</p> <p><b>Select commodity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="radio"/> Metal products</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Wood products</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Stone products</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Paper products</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Chemicals</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Organic products</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Machinery</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Construction elements</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Personal products</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Any (all topics)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: #FFD700; padding: 5px;">Next -&gt;</p>	<p><b>CTU Code</b></p> <p style="color: green;">Selected: Metal products in box container</p> <p><b>Select packaging</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> Bulk packaging</li> <li><input checked="" type="radio"/> Drum</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Coil</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Cradle</li> <li><input type="radio"/> fIBC</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Logs and pipes</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Sheets and Plates</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Skid</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Unit Load</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Any (all topics)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: #FFD700; padding: 5px;">Next -&gt;</p>
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CTU Type - C

Commodity Type - M

Packaging Type - P

Further to the above considerations, the **CTU Type** categories were expanded to cover three configurations for the three transport modes:

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| 1  | Box Container                   |
| 2  | Tank Container                  |
| 3  | Flatrack container              |
| 4  | Box road vehicle;/ trailer      |
| 5  | Tank road vehicle / trailer     |
| 6  | Flatback road vehicle / trailer |
| 7  | Box rail wagon / car            |
| 8  | Tank rail wagon / car           |
| 9  | Platform wagon / car            |
| 10 | Rolltrailer                     |

The **Commodity Type** links the HS Nomenclature, used by most Customs authorities to categorise products, with a simplified list that groups many of the HS level 1 coding into 15 commodity categories.

The table below shows the original short list, a longer list and the final Proposed Commodity List of 15 categories.

Short Commodity List	Long Commodity List	Proposed Commodity List
1 Any (all topics)	1 Animal / Vegetable gums, oils and resins	1 Animal Products
2 Chemicals	2 Animal Products	2 Chemical Products
3 Construction elements	3 Chemical Products	3 Food Stuffs and Vegetable products
4 Machinery	4 Clothing and Fibre Products	4 Iron, Steel and Metallic Products
5 Metal Products	5 Consolidated Goods	5 Ores, Earths and Stone Products
6 Organic Products	6 Dyes, Paints and Varnishes	6 Organic Chemicals
7 Paper Products	7 Explosive, arms and munitions	7 Personal Products
8 Personal products	8 Food Stuffs	8 Pharmaceutical Products
9 Stone Products	9 Hand held Equipment goods	9 Plant and Machinery
10 Wood Products	10 Hides and Skins	10 Plants
11	11 Iron, Steel and Metallic Products	11 Plastics and Rubber goods
12	12 Live Animals	12 Pulp and paper products
13	13 Oils, Waxes and Soaps	13 Stone, Ceramic, Glass and Natural Products
14	14 Ores, Earths and Stone Products	14 Wood Products
15	15 Organic Chemicals	15 Others
16	16 Personal Products	16
17	17 Pharmaceutical Products	17
18	18 Plant and Machinery	18
19	19 Plants	19
20	20 Plastics and Rubber goods	20
21	21 Pulp and paper products	21
22	22 Stone, Ceramic, Glass and Natural Products	22
23	23 Transport Equipment	23
24	24 Vegetable Products	24
25	25 Wood Products	25
26	26 Works of Art	26

The **Packaging Types** grouped similar shaped items into 18 different categories.

<b>Packaging Type</b>	
Groups	
1	Assorted packaging
2	Bags and sacks
3	Bales and bundles
4	Barrels, cans, drums, kegs and tubes
5	Boxes, cartons and cases
6	Bulk
7	Coil
8	Cradle
9	Crate
10	fIBC
11	Handling Unit
12	IBC
13	Logs and pipes
14	Rolls
15	Sheets and plates
16	Stillage
17	Tray
18	Unit Load

In addition, the **Functional Roles** were included in the base data:

1	CTU Operator
2	Consignor
3	Packer
4	Shipper
5	Road Haulier
6	Rail Haulier
7	Intermodal operator
8	Carrier
9	Consignee
10	Unpacker

By adding functional roles to the matrices each entity within the transport chain can focus on the sections within the CTU Code of their interest.

Using these three Type criteria and the functional roles matrices were built matching CTU Code information to these chosen criteria.

Listed below are the three entry points proposed that the CTU Code App user would be able to start with in filtering and identifying information in CTU Code of their interest. In each case the matrix is dependent on the higher level. For example, starting with the CTU Type, only those packaging types (Level 2) that can be packed into the selected CTU Type (Level 1) will be shown. Functional roles listed in Level 3 are only those that are applicable to the combination of CTU Type and Packaging type, for example **Boxes, cartons and cases** may only be packed into a Box container, a Box road vehicle;/ trailer or a Box rail wagon / car.

**CTU Type**

Level	Select	Category	Available information
1	CTU type (C1)	Choice of 10	CTU Type detail – Each of the 10 categories can be further searched for the particular type of CTU with links to IM 3 CTU Types
2	Packaging Type (C2)	Dependent on the CTU Type selected	Each CTU Type has been linked to a type of packaging that can be packed in / on it. Tank CTUs can only select Bulk Packaging whereas a Box CTU can accommodate almost all packaging types.
3	Functional Role (C3)	Select from the 10 functional roles (including unpacker)	The functional roles are dependent on the CTU Type selected, for example Road Haulier cannot be selected for a rial wagon and vice versa.
4	CTU Code text (C4)	Select from CTU Code, Annexes and IM as required	The functional role and packaging type will dictate the particular clauses that will be displayed.

**Note:** The Commodity Type is not included relying on the Packaging Type, however, certain Packaging Types will include a flag that will indicate that if the Package is marked as a DG then the appropriate section should be included.

**Commodity Type**

Level	Select	Category	Available information
1	Commodity Type (M1)	Choice of 15	HS Level 1 detail list – each of the Commodities can be further broken down to the 97 HS Level 1 categories. This is provided for information only and at this stage there is no link from the HS Level 1 categories and the Packaging type
2	Packaging Type (M2)	Dependent on the Commodity Type selected	Each Commodity Type has been linked to a type of packaging that can be used to transport the Commodity.  The combination of Commodity Type and Packaging Type will generate a DG Flag.

3	CTU Type (M3)	Dependent on the Packaging Type Selected	A backwards version of the link in C2 above will be used
4	Functional Role (M4)	Select from the 10 functional roles (including unpacker)	The functional roles are dependent on the CTU Type selected, for example Road Haulier cannot be selected for a rial wagon and vice versa.
5	CTU Code text (M5)	Select from CTU Code, Annexes and IM as required	The functional role and packaging type will dictate the particular clauses that will be displayed.

**Note:** During the process of linking the CTU Code text to matrix chain, the use of “Bulk” in the Packaging Type adds complexity as it covers both solid and liquid which in turn can direct the user to text related to both types. It may be considered that the category is divided in the **Solid Bulk** and **Liquid Bulk**.

### Packaging Type

Level	Select	Category	Available information
1	Packaging type (P1)	Choice of 18	Packaging Type detail – Each of the 18 categories can be further searched for the particular type of packaging each with a defintion
2	CTU Type (P2)	Dependent on the Packaging Type selected	A backwards version of the link in C2 above will be used.
3	Functional Role (P3)	Select from the 10 functional roles (including unpacker)	The functional roles are dependent on the CTU Type selected, for example Road Haulier cannot be selected for a rial wagon and vice versa.
4	CTU Code text (P4)	Select from CTU Code, Annexes and IM as required	The functional role and packaging type will dictate the particular clauses that will be displayed.

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