

INBAR BAMBOO AND RATTAN TRADE DATABASE

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UN ComTrade and HS Codes

The trade data in INBAR's bamboo and rattan trade database is updated periodically based on the UN Commodity Trade Statistics Database (UN ComTrade, <https://comtrade.un.org/data/>), the largest available depository of international trade data. UN Comtrade contains detailed imports and exports statistics with commodities and partner countries reported by statistical authorities of close to 200 countries or areas¹. All commodity values in the database are converted from their respective national currencies into US dollars using exchange rates supplied by the reporter countries, or derived from monthly market rates and volume of trade. Quantities, when provided along with the reporter country data and when possible, are converted into metric units. Whenever trade data are received from national authorities, they are first standardised by the UN Statistics Division and then added to UN Comtrade.

An international nomenclature for the classification of products, the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) allows participating countries to classify traded goods on a common basis for customs purposes. At the international level, the HS for classifying goods is a six-digit code system, comprising approximately 5,300 article/product descriptions that appear as headings and subheadings, arranged in 99 chapters, grouped in 21 sections. The six digits can be broken down into three parts. The first two digits (HS-2) identify the chapter the goods are classified in. The next two digits (HS-4) identify groupings within that chapter and the last two digits (HS-6) are even more specific. Up to the HS 6-digit level, all countries classify products in the same way. The Harmonized System was introduced in 1988 and has been adopted by most countries worldwide. It has undergone several changes in the classification of products. These changes are called revisions and have taken place in 1996, 2002, 2007 and 2017.

HS Subheadings for Bamboo and Rattan Commodities

Prior to 2007, there were 10 6-digit UN HS subheadings covering bamboo and rattan commodities, including bamboo and rattan vegetable materials, plaiting articles, furniture and seats, and bamboo shoots, of which only two were specified for bamboo and rattan. With the efforts of INBAR, WCO and Chinese Customs, 14 individual new HS subheadings were given to bamboo and rattan commodities by the *HS Edition2007* and 10 more new were identified by *HS Edition2017*. So far, bamboo and rattan commodities have been classified by Harmonizing System as 24 HS subheadings (two subheadings of *HS Edition2007* were

¹ Information on UN Comtrade and HS codes is from UN ComTrade: <http://comtrade.un.org>.

replaced by *HS Edition2017*) to monitor the international market value of bamboo and rattan sector.

Table 1: 16 6-digits HS subheadings of bamboo and rattan commodities in HS 2007

Codes	Products Name	Descriptions
140110	Bamboo raw materials	Bamboo used primarily for plaiting
140120	Rattan raw materials	Rattans used primarily for plaiting
200591	Preserved bamboo shoots	Vegetable preparations; bamboo shoots, prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, not frozen
440210	Bamboo charcoal	Wood; charcoal of bamboo (including shell or nut charcoal), whether or not agglomerated
440921	Bamboo flooring	Wood; bamboo (including unassembled strips and friezes for parquet flooring), continuously shaped along any edges, ends or faces, whether or not planed, sanded or end-jointed
441210	Bamboo plywood	Plywood, veneered panels and similar laminated wood; of bamboo
460121	Bamboo mats and screens	Plaiting materials, plaits and similar products of plaiting materials; mats, matting and screens, of bamboo
460122	Rattan mats and screens	Plaiting materials, plaits and similar products of plaiting materials; mats, matting and screens, of rattan
460192	Semi-finished bamboo plaits & plaiting articles	Plaiting materials, plaits and similar products of plaiting materials; (not mats, matting or screens), of bamboo
460193	Semi-finished rattan plaits & plaiting articles	Plaiting materials, plaits and similar products of plaiting materials; (not mats, matting or screens), of rattan
460211	Bamboo basketwork/wickerwork products	Basketwork, wickerwork and other articles; of bamboo, made directly to shape from plaiting materials or made up from goods of heading no. 4601
460212	Rattan basketwork/wickerwork products	Basketwork, wickerwork and other articles; of rattan, made directly to shape from plaiting materials or made up from goods of heading no. 4601
470630	Bamboo pulp	Pulp; of bamboo
482361	Bamboo paper based articles	Paper and paperboard; trays, dishes, plates, cups and the like, of bamboo paper or paperboard
940151	Bamboo and rattan seats	Seats; of bamboo and rattan
940381	Bamboo and rattan furniture	Furniture; of bamboo and rattan

Table 2: 24 6-igits HS subheadings of bamboo and rattan commodities in HS 2017

Codes	Products Name	Descriptions
140110	Bamboo raw materials	Bamboo used primarily for plaiting
140120	Rattan raw materials	Rattans used primarily for plaiting
200591	Bamboo shoots	Vegetable preparations; bamboo shoots, prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, not frozen
440210	Bamboo charcoal	Wood; charcoal of bamboo (including shell or nut charcoal), whether or not agglomerated
440921	Bamboo flooring	Wood; bamboo (including unassembled strips and friezes for parquet flooring), continuously shaped along any edges, ends or faces, whether or not planed, sanded or end-jointed
441210	Bamboo plywood	Plywood, veneered panels and similar laminated wood; of bamboo
441873	Assembled bamboo flooring panels used for construction	Wood; assembled flooring panels, of bamboo or with at least the top layer (wear layer) of bamboo
441891	Other bamboo panels used for construction	Wood; builders' joinery and carpentry of wood n.e.c. in heading no. 4418, of bamboo
441911	Bamboo chopping boards	Tableware and kitchenware, of wood; of bamboo, bread boards, chopping boards and similar boards
441912	Bamboo chopsticks	Tableware and kitchenware, of wood; of bamboo, chopsticks
441919	Small bamboo sticks	Tableware and kitchenware, of wood; of bamboo, n.e.c. in heading 4419
442191	Bamboo articles of daily use	Wood; of bamboo, articles n.e.c. in heading no. 4414 to 4420 (excluding clothes hangers)
460121	Bamboo mats/screens	Plaiting materials, plaits and similar products of plaiting materials; mats, matting and screens, of bamboo
460122	Rattan mats/screens	Plaiting materials, plaits and similar products of plaiting materials; mats, matting and screens, of rattan
460192	Semi-finished bamboo plaits & plaiting articles	Plaiting materials, plaits and similar products of plaiting materials; (not mats, matting or screens), of bamboo
460193	Semi-finished rattan plaits & plaiting articles	Plaiting materials, plaits and similar products of plaiting materials; (not mats, matting or screens), of rattan
460211	Bamboo basketwork/wickerwork products	Basketwork, wickerwork and other articles; of bamboo, made directly to shape from plaiting materials or made up from goods of heading no. 4601
460212	Rattan basketwork/wickerwork products	Basketwork, wickerwork and other articles; of rattan, made directly to shape from plaiting materials or made up from goods of heading no. 4601
470630	Bamboo pulp	Pulp; of bamboo
482361	Bamboo paper based articles	Paper and paperboard; trays, dishes, plates, cups and the

		like, of bamboo paper or paperboard
940152	Bamboo seats	Seats; of bamboo
940153	Rattan seats	Seats; of rattan
940382	Bamboo furniture	Furniture; of bamboo
940383	Rattan furniture	Furniture; of rattan

Note:

2005: Vegetables preparations n.e.s.; prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, not frozen, other than products of heading no. 2006.

4601: Plaits and similar products of plaiting materials, assembled into strips or not; plaiting materials, plaits and the like bound together in parallel strands or woven in sheet form, finished articles or not.

4418: Builders' joinery and carpentry of wood, including cellular wood panels, assembled parquet panels, shingles and shakes

4419: Tableware and kitchenware, of wood.

4414: Wooden frames; for paintings, photographs, mirrors or similar objects.

4415: Packing cases, boxes, crates, drums and similar packings, of wood; cable-drums of wood; pallets, box pallets and other load boards, of wood; pallet collars of wood.

4416: Casks, barrels, vats, tubs and other coopers' products and parts thereof, of wood, including staves

4417: Tools, tool bodies, tool handles, broom or brush bodies and handles, of wood; boot or shoe lasts and trees, of wood

4420: Wood marquetry and inlaid wood; caskets and cases for jewellery or cutlery, and similar articles of wood; statuettes and other ornaments of wood; wooden articles of furniture not falling in chapter 94.