

## METHODOLOGICAL DISCLAIMER

All products in the Trade and Biodiversity (TraBio) statistical tool are shown in the 2017 edition of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) of the World Customs Organization (WCO), including for trade flows reported in previous editions of the HS.

To convert the value of trade flows reported in previous editions of the HS into HS 2017, in the case of a split of a subheading into more than one, the allocation of value to each product is weighted according to the distribution of value used for the years that the economy reported its trade flows in HS 2017. However, for those cases where no trade flow has been reported yet by an economy in HS2017, an equal distribution is used.

For instance, subheading 2204.22 was created in HS 2017 to accommodate for an additional separate type of wine product, which was previously contained in 2204.29. To convert the value of 2204.22 and 2204.29 before 2017 into HS 2017, see the following two cases:

- **Case A:** The country has already reported present trade flows in HS 2017

The allocation of value to 2204.22 and 2204.29 is made by the weighted distribution of value in HS 2017 as follows:

Subheading	Value in 2017	Value in 2012	Value in 2012 presented in HS 2017
2204.10	a	w	w
2204.21	b	x	x
2204.22	c		$y * c / (c + d)$
2204.29	d	y	$y * d / (c + d)$
2204.30	e	z	z

- **Case B:** The country has not yet reported any trade flows in HS 2017

The allocation of value to 2204.22 and 2204.29 is made according to an equal distribution as follows:

Subheading	Value in 2017	Value in 2012	Value in 2012 presented in HS 2017
2204.10	a	w	w
2204.21	b	x	x
2204.22			$y / 2$
2204.29	c	y	$y / 2$
2204.30	d	z	z

Note: this relates only to those cases in which additional subheadings were created in HS 2017 with respect to a previous edition of the HS. If subheadings remained unchanged or were deleted, this approximation is not necessary.