

Prior to July 2025, any shipment that was already free in the HTS was classified as “Free under specific provisions for free status prescribed in Rates of Duty columns of HTS chapters 01 to 97, inclusive” (Rate Provision Code 10), even if USMCA was claimed on the shipment. Only shipments with HS numbers that paid a general rate of duty in the HTS and claimed USMCA were considered free by legislation (Rate Provision Code 18) in the data and were assigned the USMCA country subcode. In July 2025, a processing change was made after importers started using USMCA as an exemption for their shipments from IEEPA tariffs earlier in 2025. All HS numbers are now eligible to be free by legislation because of USMCA since USMCA is being used as an exemption from IEEPA tariffs. Corrections to the data will be made back to March 2025, when importers began using USMCA as an exemption from IEEPA tariffs. These corrections will be reflected in the data when Annual Revisions are released on June 9.