

**Issue:** Classification of Olives (From the Online Oxford Dictionary means a small green or black fruit with a strong taste, which is eaten or used for its oil)

**Item under reference:** Olives presented whole, pitted or sliced in brine

**Possible classification:**

Heading 07.11: “Vegetables provisionally preserved (for example, by sulphur dioxide gas, in brine, in sulphur water or in other preservative solutions), but unsuitable in that state for immediate consumption”, classifiable in subheading 0711.20.00; or

Heading 20.05: “Other vegetables prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, not frozen, other than products of heading 20.06”, classifiable in subheading 2005.70.00

**Description of goods**

The product at issue is: whole olives, pitted olives or sliced olives in brine

According to the Online Oxford dictionary, “brine” means “very salty water, used especially for preserving food”

**Basis of Ruling**

Olives presented above are classifiable in heading 0711.20.00 provided that they are **unsuitable in that state for immediate consumption.**

Otherwise, olives are classifiable in heading 20.05, subheading 2005.70.00. Processes involving edibility include but are not restricted to: Pasteurization; when packed for retail sale; fit for consumption as certified by a certificate of analysis or like document.

It should also be noted that olives when presented fresh or chilled will find classification in HS Code 0709.92.00.

Commonly traded imported olives which are processed otherwise than simple preservation in brine, being suitable in that state for immediate consumption, are classified in Chapter 20, heading 20.05, subheading 2005.70.00.

**Conclusion**

Classification of the above mentioned item shall be classified in HS Code 0711.20.00 by application of GIRs 1 and 6.