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### **Legislation**

Tariff item No. 9979.00.00 reads as follows:

Goods specifically designed to assist persons with disabilities in alleviating the effects of those disabilities, and articles and materials for use in such goods.

### **GUIDELINES AND GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. The CBSA considers only bibs that are specifically designed for the use of persons with disabilities qualify for benefits under tariff item No. 9979.00.00.
2. In order to distinguish between which bibs meet the provisions of tariff item No. 9979.00.00 and those that do not, the bibs must be unique and not for use by the general public. Therefore, minimum measurements and standards of material have been defined to clearly identify adult bibs that alleviate the effects of disabilities from other types of bibs. The following criteria will be used to identify those bibs that meet the provisions of tariff item No. 9979.00.00.
  - (a) The bibs have to be solely or principally designed and marketed as bibs for persons with disabilities.
  - (b) The bibs must be sold to health care institutions for the use by persons with physical or mental disabilities.
  - (c) The bibs must be reusable and not disposable.
  - (d) The bibs must have a minimum width of 457.2 millimetres (18 inches) and a minimum length of 914.4 millimetres (36 inches).

(e) The bibs have to be sufficiently heavy duty in nature to protect the patient. The backing of the bibs must be made of at least two layers with heavy-duty waterproof vinyl lining of a minimum thickness of 0.3 millimetres.

(f) The bibs must be heat resistant to at least 100 degrees Celsius in order to protect the patients from being burned or scalded.

(g) The bibs must be able to withstand repeated laundering in temperatures of up to 176 degrees Celsius. This is the standard temperature that hospitals use to wash their linens in order to kill bacteria.

(h) The front of the bibs must be made of absorbent terry cloth or 100% cotton flannel with densely packed loops. The loops absorb any hot liquids to prevent run off and injury to patients.

(i) The bibs must be made of odour-controlling, breathable medical textiles. The odour-control material must be cyclodextrin with a particle size greater than 12 micrometres or an equivalent material.

(j) The closure of the bibs may be made of Velcro for the convenience of patients.

3. Importers must prove that they have met all the above specifications in order to apply for the provision of tariff item No. 9979.00.00.

4. Any questions concerning the above should be directed to the following:

Transportation, Machinery, Electrical and  
Specialty Products Unit  
Tariff Policy Division  
Trade Programs Directorate  
Admissibility Branch  
Canada Border Services Agency  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0L8

## REFERENCES

<b>ISSUING OFFICE –</b> Trade Programs Directorate	<b>HEADQUARTERS FILE –</b> HS 9979.00.00
<b>LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES –</b> <i>Customs Tariff</i> , tariff item No. 9979.00.00	<b>OTHER REFERENCES –</b> N/A
<b>SUPERSEDED MEMORANDA “D” –</b> N/A	

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