

Issue: Classification of Oral Irrigator

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Possible classification: Heading 85.09 or Heading 90.18

Matters under consideration:

- Heading 85.09: Electro-mechanical domestic appliances, with self-contained electric motor, other than vacuum cleaners of heading 85.08.
- Heading 90.18: Instruments and appliances used in medical, surgical, dental or veterinary sciences, including scintigraphic apparatus, other electro-medical apparatus and sight-testing instruments.

Description of goods:

The Oral Irrigator has a pulsating pressure of up to 110 PSI that makes this device particularly strong in removing biofilm from the interdental area and gum line around braces, bridges & implants. The combination with toothbrush and adjustable irrigation adds up to a better oral

hygiene. The device is equipped with a pulsating engine; it reduces water consumption and water flow and adds up impulses that are particularly strong. It is slim, light, using little space in the bathroom.

Basis of ruling:

The item at issue is an electric toothbrush and nowhere has it been mentioned that it is more specifically used by dentists (Heading 90.18). Moreover, in its specification it is mentioned that the device uses little space in bathroom, which implies that it is a more of a domestic appliance (Heading 85.09).

Therefore, the device is classified under Heading 85.09, Sub-Heading 8509.80.00, by application of GIRs 1 and 6.