

Classification of COVID-19 Home Self Testing Kit of Headings 30.02 and 38.22

COVID-19 Home Self-Testing Kit may be classified both in Sub-Headings 3002.15.10 as “*Immunological products, put up in measured doses or in forms or packings for retail sale*” and in 3822.00.20 as “*Diagnostic or laboratory reagents on a backing, prepared diagnostic or laboratory reagents whether or not on a backing, other than those of heading 30.02 or 30.06*”.

Diagnostic kits available in the market for testing presence of SARS-CoV-2, are based on:

- (1) identifying the genetic material of SARS-CoV-2 that causes COVID-19 (Heading 38.22)

PCR tests are an example of tests classified in Heading 38.22. They are used to directly detect the presence of an antigen, rather than the presence of the body’s immune response, or antibodies. In PCR tests the use of swabs is made to detect the SARS-CoV-2.

- (2) Identifying the presence of specific anti-viral antibodies in blood/serum caused by the immunological response of the body (Heading 30.02).

Antibody is an example of an immunological product, classified in Heading 30.02. Blood samples are usually used for antibody tests. The antibodies are responsible for neutralizing the virus. Therefore, they are used when the immunological reaction against SARS-CoV-2 virus is already taking place.