

1) The Committee for the Statistical Annotation of the Tariff Schedule received a request from the Office of the United State Trade Representative (USTR) on September 13, 2018, for a new statistical reporting number in HTS 8617.62.00 for “switching and routing apparatus.” The Committee was able to verify that there was enough trade and no disclosure concerns and that the new breakout was administrable. This statistical breakout is included in the Federal Register notice from USTR concerning Modification of Section 301 Action: China’s Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation that will take effect on September 24, 2018. The text of the new subheading is provided below to inform the public until the Federal Register Notice is published and action is completed in the near future to revise the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) to include this new statistical breakout. For a list of the tariff lines covered by the USTR notice please visit the USTR website at: <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2018/september/ustr-finalizes-tariffs-200>.

HTS Heading/ Subheading	Stat Suffix	Article description	Unit of Quantity
8517       8517.62.00	       10 20 90	Telephone sets, including telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks; other apparatus for the transmission or reception of voice, images or other data, including apparatus for communication in a wired or wireless network (such as a local or wide area network), other than transmission or reception apparatus of heading 8443, 8525, 8527 or 8528; parts thereof: * * * Other apparatus for transmission or reception of voice, images or other data, including apparatus for communication in a wired or wireless network (such as a local or wide area network): * * * Machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data, including switching and routing apparatus Modems, of a kind used with data processing machines of heading 8471..... Switching and routing apparatus..... Other.....	                     No. No. kg

2) Please be advised that the tariff numbers for Chapter 44 of the HTS that are included in the Federal Register notice from USTR concerning Modification of Section 301 Action referenced

above will be changed on October 1, 2018. These changes are due to the requirements of Presidential Proclamation 9771 effective July 30, 2018, approving, among other things, modifications to the HTS to implement changes requested by the World Customs Organization to comply with the Harmonized System nomenclature.