

## **BBB4M Calculating Taxes, Tariffs, and Duty**

### **Taxes:**

All imports to Canada are required to pay the 13% HST.

### **Duty / Tariffs:**

You must identify the **Harmonized System (HS) code** associated with your product.

The Harmonized Product Description and Coding System (HS) is used to describe products for customs purposes. This coding system ensures that customs officials all around the world are referring to the same item when classifying a product and applying a tariff rate.

The HS assigns six-digit codes that represent general categories of goods. All countries adhering to the HS use the same six-digit code for each product.

(However, a country can assign its own additional four numbers, making the entire code 10 digits.)

More about HS codes: [http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cid-dic.nsf/eng/h\\_00002.html#hs\\_codes](http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cid-dic.nsf/eng/h_00002.html#hs_codes)

You can find the HS code in a lot of places, but you may want to start by looking for your product online using Canada Post.

<http://www.canadapost.ca/cpotools/apps/wtz/business/findHsCode?execution=e1s1>

(Try searching 'Flash Memory')

Once you have the HS code, you need to consult the CBSA (Canadian Border Security Agency)'s customs-tariff schedule.

<http://www.cbsa.gc.ca/trade-commerce/tariff-tarif/2012/01-99/01-99-t2012-eng.pdf>

Scroll down to your HS code and see what the Duty rate is for that group of items.