

## Import License Catalogue: 2025 vs. 2026 Comparison

This document summarizes all changes between the 2025 and 2026 editions of China's Import License Management Goods Catalogue (进口许可证管理货物目录).

*Overall: The catalogue structure and the 14 goods categories remain identical. Three targeted changes were made, all within Category 1 (Ozone-Depleting Substances) and Category 12 (Ships).*

### Summary of Changes

#	Category	HS Code(s)	Nature of Change
1	Cat. 1 — Ozone-Depleting Substances (ODS)	3827510000	Minor wording revision: HFC-23 now named explicitly as 'trifluoromethane (HFC-23)'
2	Cat. 1 — Ozone-Depleting Substances (ODS)	3827680000	Significant description simplification: long enumerated list of HS codes replaced with a compact subheading range reference (2903.41–2903.48); CFCs/HCFCs exclusion clause removed
3	Cat. 12 — Ships	8901101010 + 8901101090 → 8901101000	Two separate HS codes consolidated into one; no substantive change in goods covered

### Change 1: Category 1 (ODS) — HS 3827510000 — Wording Revision

The description of this line item has been revised. The substance HFC-23 is now identified by its full chemical name 'trifluoromethane' in addition to the abbreviation, and the clause order was adjusted for consistency.

Field	2025 Version	2026 Version
HS Code	3827510000	3827510000
Description	Mixtures containing HFC-23, not containing HCFCs or CFCs	Mixtures containing trifluoromethane (HFC-23), not containing CFCs or HCFCs (description reworded for clarity)

### Change 2: Category 1 (ODS) — HS 3827680000 — Significant Description Simplification

This is the most substantive textual change in the 2026 catalogue. The 2025 version listed every relevant HS code individually (10 specific codes). The 2026 version replaces this with a compact reference to HS subheadings 2903.41 to 2903.48. Additionally, the explicit exclusion clause 'not containing CFCs or

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HCFCs' has been removed from the description. The practical scope of goods covered is expected to remain equivalent, but importers should verify classification carefully.

Field	2025 Version	2026 Version
HS Code	3827680000	3827680000
Description	Other mixtures containing substances under HS codes 2903430010, 2903430020, 2903420000, 2903410000, 2903440010, 2903440020, 2903450000, 2903470000, 2903480000, 2903460010, 2903460020, 2903460030, 2903460040, not containing CFCs or HCFCs	Other mixtures containing substances listed under subheadings 2903.41 to 2903.48 (simplified cross-reference; CFCs/HCFCs exclusion clause removed)

### Change 3: Category 12 (Ships) — HS Code Consolidation

Two previously separate HS codes for motorized passenger vessels have been merged into a single unified code (8901101000). This reflects a reclassification in the HS tariff schedule rather than any substantive change in the types of ships requiring an import license. The combined code covers all motorized cruise ships, sightseeing vessels, and ferries previously covered by the two codes.

Field	2025 Version	2026 Version
HS Codes	8901101010 8901101090 (two separate codes)	8901101000 (consolidated into one code)
Coverage	8901101010: High-speed passenger vessels 8901101090: Other motorized cruise ships, sightseeing vessels, and ferries	8901101000: Motorized cruise ships, sightseeing vessels, and passenger ferries (all combined under single code)
Net change	Two distinct HS codes	One unified HS code — no substantive change in goods covered

### Unchanged Elements

All other categories and line items are identical between the 2025 and 2026 catalogues, including:

- Category 2 — Chemical Equipment (HS 8419409090, 8419609010)
- Category 3 — Metal Smelting Equipment
- Category 4 — Engineering Machinery (cranes, forklifts, etc.)
- Category 5 — Lifting & Transport Equipment
- Category 6 — Paper-Making Equipment
- Category 7 — Electrical Power Equipment (generators, welding machines)
- Category 8 — Food Processing & Packaging Equipment
- Category 9 — Agricultural Machinery
- Category 10 — Printing Machinery
- Category 11 — Textile Machinery

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- Category 12 — Ships (all lines other than the consolidated code)
- Category 13 — Photosensitive Drums / Toner Cartridges
- Category 14 — X-Ray Tubes
- All four explanatory notes at the end of the catalogue

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*Note: This comparison is based on the official catalogue texts. HS code descriptions are paraphrased in English for clarity. Always refer to the official Chinese-language catalogue for regulatory purposes.*