

1 Customs Tariff Classification Suggestion

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5 **ITEM:** Airsoft gun powered by gas or compressed air, mainly made of aluminium and steel,
6 designed for use in airsoft activities. It shoots 6 mm plastic BB pellets and includes the
7 following components, such as: - CNC-machined steel gear set; - Aircraft-grade aluminium
8 piston head and cylinder; - 8mm ceramic ball bearings; - CNC-machined 7.5" outer barrel;
9 - Standard 1913 Picatinny rail and aluminium handguard with KeyMod system; and - Quick-
10 change spring system. Specifications: - Weight: 2.5 kg - Inner barrel length: 206 mm - Pellet
11 size: 6 mm - Length (Min./Max.): 590 mm / 675 mm - Inner barrel calibre: 6.1 mm -
12 Magazine capacity: 190 rounds.—

13 Conclusions

14 **Main classification:**

15 Chapter 93, Heading 9304, Subheading 9304.00. The article is classified in this provision as
16 an air or gas gun pursuant to the terms of the heading and the exclusion of such goods from
17 Chapter 95.

18 **Conditional classifications:**

19 - If the product is powered by gas (other than air), it is classified under tariff item
20 9304.00.10. - If the product is powered by compressed air, it is classified under tariff item
21 9304.00.90.

22 Classification shall be finalized upon confirmation of the specific propulsion system.

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24 Details

25 **Extended item description**

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34 **Top 2 potential chapters**

Chapter Justification

- 93** The product is described as a gun. Chapter 93 covers “Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof”, which is the most specific chapter at the chapter level for a gun. Chapter 95 expressly excludes “Arms or other articles of Chapter 93”. [GRI 1] [Tariff Text Ch. 93] [Note 1(t) Ch. 95]
- 95** Chapter 95 covers “Toys, games and sports requisites; parts and accessories thereof”, which could be considered if the article were treated as a toy/sports item; however, Note 1(t) excludes “Arms or other articles of Chapter 93”. [Tariff Text Ch. 95] [Note 1(t) Ch. 95]

35 **TARIFF CLASSIFICATION RULING**36 **I. Applicable legal framework**

- 37 • Classification is governed by the heading terms and relevant Notes: “classification
38 shall be determined... according to the terms of the headings and of the Section or
39 Chapter Notes” [GRI 1] .
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- 41 • Subheading selection is governed by: “The classification of goods in the
42 subheadings... shall be determined... by the terms of those subheadings...” [GRI 6] .
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- 44 • Chapter 93 includes, inter alia: “9304.00 — Other arms (for example, spring, air or
45 gas guns and pistols...)” [Tariff Text Ch. 93] .
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- 47 • Chapter 95 exclusion: “This Chapter does not cover... (t) Arms or other articles of
48 Chapter 93” [Note 1(t) Ch. 95] .
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- 50 • Chapter 93 exclusion (for context): Chapter 93 “does not cover... ... toys (Chapter
51 95)” [Note 1(e) Ch. 93] .

52 II. Legal and technical analysis

53 **Product (mandatory factual basis):** An airsoft gun powered by gas or compressed air,
54 mainly made of aluminium and steel, designed for use in airsoft activities; it shoots 6 mm
55 plastic BB pellets; magazine capacity 190 rounds; weight 2.5 kg; length 590–675 mm.

56 1) Chapter level (Chapters 93 vs 95)

57 **Competing chapters considered:** Chapter 93 (arms) vs Chapter 95 (toys, games, sports
58 requisites).

- 59 • The product is expressly described as an “airsoft gun powered by gas or
60 compressed air” and it “shoots 6 mm plastic BB pellets”. This corresponds to the
61 class of goods described in Chapter 93 heading 93.04 as “spring, air or gas guns and
62 pistols” [Tariff Text Ch. 93] , applying [GRI 1] .

- 63 • Once the product is classifiable as an article of Chapter 93, Chapter 95 is excluded
64 by Chapter 95 Note 1(t): “This Chapter does not cover... (t) Arms or other articles of
65 Chapter 93” [Note 1(t) Ch. 95] .

66 **Selected chapter: Chapter 93.**

67 2) Heading level within Chapter 93

68 **Competing headings (Chapter 93) considered and excluded before selection:**

- 69 • **93.01 (Military weapons):** The product is described as an airsoft gun for airsoft
70 activities; it is not described as a military weapon. Therefore, heading 93.01 is not
71 applicable [Tariff Text Ch. 93] .

- 72 • **93.02 (Revolvers and pistols, other than those of heading 93.03 or 93.04):**
73 Heading 93.02 is excluded because it applies to revolvers and pistols “other than
74 those of heading 93.03 or 93.04”; the product is prima facie described by heading
75 93.04 as an air/gas gun [Tariff Text Ch. 93] .

- 76 • **93.03 (Firearms... operate by the firing of an explosive charge):** The product is
77 powered by gas or compressed air and shoots plastic BB pellets; it is not described

78 as operating by firing an explosive charge. Therefore, heading 93.03 is not applicable
79 [Tariff Text Ch. 93] .

80 • **93.04 (Other arms... spring, air or gas guns and pistols):** The product is an airsoft
81 gun powered by gas or compressed air, matching the exemplars “air or gas guns and
82 pistols” [Tariff Text Ch. 93] . By [GRI 1] , heading **93.04** describes the goods.

83 **Selected heading: 9304.**

84 3) Subheading / tariff item level within heading 9304

85 At the national (Canadian) tariff item level under 9304.00, the following competing 8-digit
86 tariff items must be compared:

87 • **9304.00.10 — “Guns and pistols, spring or gas”** [Tariff Text Ch. 93]
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89 • **9304.00.90 — “Other”** (including “Air guns”) [Tariff Text Ch. 93]

90 The product is described as “powered by gas or compressed air.” The tariff differentiates
91 “spring or gas” from “Air guns” under “Other” [Tariff Text Ch. 93] . The consolidated
92 technical description does not specify whether the imported model is **gas-powered** (as
93 understood by 9304.00.10) or **compressed-air-powered** (as understood by “Air guns”
94 under 9304.00.90). As this distinguishing criterion is not uniquely established, a single tariff
95 item cannot be conclusively determined on the mandatory factual basis. Accordingly, a
96 **conditional determination** is required, applying [GRI 6] .

97 III. Exclusion of alternatives

98 A. Chapter 95 alternatives (excluded)

99 - **Heading 95.03 (other toys):** Excluded because Chapter 95 does not cover “Arms or other
100 articles of Chapter 93” [Note 1(t) Ch. 95] , and the product is classifiable in heading 93.04
101 as an air/gas gun [Tariff Text Ch. 93] .

102 - **Heading 95.06 (sports and outdoor games equipment):** Excluded for the same reason:
103 Chapter 95 excludes arms and other Chapter 93 articles [Note 1(t) Ch. 95] .

104 B. Chapter 93 alternatives (excluded)

105 - **93.01 (military weapons):** Not described as military weapons [Tariff Text Ch. 93] .

106 - **93.02 (revolvers and pistols, other than those of heading 93.03 or 93.04):** Excluded
107 because the product is prima facie within 93.04 [Tariff Text Ch. 93] .

108 - **93.03 (firearms operating by firing an explosive charge):** Not applicable because the
109 product is described as powered by gas or compressed air [Tariff Text Ch. 93] .

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- 110 - **93.05 (parts and accessories):** Excluded because the product is described as a
 111 complete airsoft gun, not merely parts/accessories [Tariff Text Ch. 93] .
 112 - **93.06 (cartridges, ammunition, projectiles):** Excluded because the product is the
 113 launching device (gun), not ammunition/projectiles [Tariff Text Ch. 93] .

114 IV. Main classification table

Chapter	Heading	Subheading	Tariff item (8 digits)	Statistical suffix	Legal basis
Chapter 93 (conditional)	9304	9304.00	—	—	[GRI 1]; [GRI 6]; [Tariff Text Ch. 93]

115 V. Conditional determination (if applicable)
116 Option A (Gas-powered model)

117 **Condition:** If the imported airsoft gun is powered by **gas** (and not by compressed air), it is
 118 classified as “Guns and pistols, spring or gas”.

119 Competing statistical suffixes under 9304.00.10 considered:

120 - SS 10 “Guns” vs SS 20 “Pistols” [Tariff Text Ch. 93] .

121 The product is described as an “airsoft gun” (not described as a pistol); therefore SS 20 is
 122 excluded and SS 10 applies [Tariff Text Ch. 93] .

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93	9304	9304.00	9304.00.10	10	[GRI 1]; [GRI 6]; [Tariff Text Ch. 93]

123 Option B (Compressed-air-powered model)

124 **Condition:** If the imported airsoft gun is powered by **compressed air**, it is classified as
 125 “Other — Air guns”.

126 Competing statistical suffixes under 9304.00.90 considered:

127 - SS 10 “Air guns” vs SS 90 “Other” [Tariff Text Ch. 93] .

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128 Because the product is described as powered by compressed air (i.e., an air gun), SS 10
 129 applies and SS 90 is excluded [Tariff Text Ch. 93] .

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93	9304	9304.00	9304.00.90	10	[GRI 1]; [GRI 6]; [Tariff Text Ch. 93]

130 **MISSING CRITERIA**

131 1. Confirmation of the **actual propulsion system of the imported model** (gas-
 132 powered vs compressed-air-powered), sufficient to select between tariff items
 133 9304.00.10 and 9304.00.90 (“Air guns”) [Tariff Text Ch. 93] .

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135 **Legal Disclaimer**

136 This report is provided for informational purposes only and is intended to support the
 137 Canadian tariff classification process. It does not replace professional judgment or the
 138 review of a qualified specialist.

139 This determination was generated using *Claude* based on the Canadian Customs Tariff and
 140 the Harmonized System (HS) as currently in force.