

GCC Life Sciences HS Code & Tariff Directory

Unified 10-digit HS classification, customs duty benchmarks (UAE, KSA, Qatar), and duty exemption frameworks for bio-manufacturing and research imports.

1. Biotechnology Equipment & Consumables Classification

HS CODE (10-DIGIT)	PRODUCT CATEGORY & TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION	UAE DUTY	KSA DUTY	QATAR DUTY
8479.82.00.00	Industrial Bioreactors & Fermenters Mixing, stirring & biological processing vessels.	5%	5%	5%
3822.19.00.00	Diagnostic & Laboratory Reagents DNA/RNA extraction kits, PCR master mixes, PCR reagents.	0% / Ex.	5%	5%
9027.50.00.00	NGS & Genomic Sequencing Systems Instruments using optical/chromatographic radiation analysis.	5%	5%	5%
8419.89.90.00	Downstream Purification Systems Aseptic freeze dryers (lyophilizers) & chromatography units.	5%	5%	5%
3926.90.99.00	Single-Use Biomanufacturing Plastics Sterile single-use bags, tubing assemblies & bioreactor liners.	5%	5%	5%
8422.30.00.00	Aseptic Fill-Finish & Packaging Lines Machinery for filling, closing, and sealing vials/ampoules.	5%	5%	5%

2. Customs Duty Exemption Pathways & Free-Zone Rules

Free-Zone Warehousing & Re-Export (JAFZA, KIZAD, QSTP)

Goods stored in bonded free zones remain duty-deferred. Customs duty (standard 5%) is triggered **only upon release to mainland networks** (hospitals/clinics). Direct re-exports outside the GCC preserve 0% duty impact.

Academic & Government Research Exemption

Imports directly consigned to state universities or research institutions (e.g., KAUST in KSA, NYU Abu Dhabi, Qatar Foundation) can qualify for **100% duty waivers** upon submitting pre-approved ministry exemption certificates.

GCC Unified Origin & Industrial Exemption

Biotech consumables produced or assembled within GCC free zones that achieve qualified local value-add thresholds can move duty-free across GCC borders under the Unified Economic Agreement with valid GCC Certificates of Origin.