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Customs Classification Opinion

HTSUS Classification & Duty Analysis

Reference	HB-HTS-2026-001
Prepared for	Sample Client (outdoor furniture importer)
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1. PRODUCT AS DESCRIBED

A stackable outdoor lounge chair with a welded steel tube frame, powder-coated finish, and a sling seat of woven textilene fabric. Overall dimensions 62 x 58 x 84 cm, net weight 5.8 kg per unit. No electrical components, no battery, no radio. Not intended to contact food. Designed for residential patio use.

2. CLASSIFICATION

HTSUS code	Description
9401.79.00	Seats (other than those of heading 9402), whether or not convertible into beds, and parts thereof: Other seats, with metal frames: Other

Confidence: High

3. BASIS FOR CLASSIFICATION

GRI 1 The chair is a seat of heading 9401. Heading 9401 covers seats whether or not convertible into beds, and parts thereof. The article is not a seat of heading 9402 (medical, surgical, dental or veterinary furniture).

GRI 6 At the subheading level the frame is of metal (welded steel tube), which places the article in subheading 9401.79 rather than 9401.71 (upholstered seats with wooden frames) or 9401.80 (other seats).

Note The textilene sling does not change essential character: the frame gives the article its structure and its function as a seat.

4. DUTY AND FEES AT IMPORT

Component	Rate	Authority
Most-favoured-nation duty	Free	HTSUS, Col. 1 General
Section 301 (List 3, China)	+25%	USTR, 83 Fed. Reg. 47974
Reciprocal tariff (China)	+12.5%	Presidential proclamation, 2026
Merchandise Processing Fee	0.3464%	19 CFR 24.23 (min \$32.71 / max \$634.62)
Harbor Maintenance Fee	0.125%	26 U.S.C. 4461 (ocean cargo only)

Total effective duty: 37.5% of entered value (excluding MPF and HMF)

5. OTHER REQUIREMENTS CHECKED

- No FDA, FCC, CPSC or EPA requirement applies to this article as described.
- Country-of-origin marking required on the article itself, permanent and legible (19 U.S.C. 1304).
- No antidumping or countervailing duty order covers this product as of the issue date.
- ISF (10+2) must be filed at least 24 hours before loading at the origin port.

6. RECOMMENDATION

At 37.5% effective duty the landed cost rises by roughly \$10.50 per unit on a \$28 FOB chair. Three routes are worth modelling before the first order: (1) absorb the duty and hold price; (2) move assembly or final finishing to a non-China origin for the US market; (3) re-examine classification where a genuine alternative exists - a folding camping chair with an aluminium frame stays in 9401.79 at the same rate, but seating classified together with a table can move to 9403 and changes the Section 301 exposure. Any change of origin must be substantive, not cosmetic, to withstand CBP scrutiny.

7. LIMITATIONS

This opinion is based on the product description and supporting materials supplied by the client as of the issue date. It does not constitute a binding ruling by U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Classification and duty rates are subject to change by statute, regulation, or presidential proclamation; Section 301 and reciprocal tariff measures in particular have been modified repeatedly and should be re-verified before each purchase order. Haven Bridge LLC is not a licensed customs broker and does not file entries; entry summary is filed by a licensed broker on the importer's behalf.

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