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MINERAL PRODUCTS

CHAPTER 25

SALT; SULPHUR; EARTHS AND STONE;
PLASTERING MATERIALS, LIME AND CEMENT

NOTES:

1. Except where their context or Note 4 to this Chapter otherwise requires, the headings of this Chapter cover only products which are in the crude state or which have been washed (even with chemical substances eliminating the impurities without changing the structure of the product), crushed, ground, powdered, levigated, sifted, screened, concentrated by flotation, magnetic separation or other mechanical or physical processes (except crystallization), but not products that have been roasted, calcined, obtained by mixing or subjected to processing beyond that mentioned in each heading.

The products of this Chapter may contain an added anti-dusting agent, provided that such addition does not render the product particularly suitable for specific use rather than for general use.

2. This Chapter does not cover:
 - (a) Sublimed sulphur, precipitated sulphur and colloidal sulphur (heading 2802);
 - (b) Earth colours containing 70% or more by weight of combined iron evaluated at Fe_2O_3 (heading 2821);
 - (c) Medicaments and other products of Chapter 30;
 - (d) Perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations (Chapter 33);
 - (e) Setts, curbstones and flagstones (heading 6801); mosaic cubes or the like (heading 6802); roofing, facing or damp course slates (heading 6803);
 - (f) Precious or semi-precious stones (heading 7102 or 7103);
 - (g) Cultured crystals (other than optical elements) weighing not less than 2.5 g each, of sodium chloride or of magnesium oxide, of heading 3824; optical elements of sodium chloride or of magnesium oxide (heading 9001);
 - (h) Billiard chinks (heading 9504); or
 - (i) Writing or drawing chinks and tailors' chinks (heading 9609).
3. Any products classifiable in heading 2517 and any other heading of this Chapter are to be classified in heading 2517.

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4. Heading 2530 applies, *inter alia*, to: vermiculite, perlite and chlorites, unexpanded; earth colours, whether or not calcined or mixed together; natural micaceous iron oxides; meerschaum (whether or not in polished pieces); amber; agglomerated meerschaum and agglomerated amber, in plates, rods, sticks or similar forms, not worked after moulding; jet; strontianite (whether or not calcined), other than strontium oxide; broken pieces of pottery, brick or concrete.

SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES:

In the heading 2523, 'sagol' means cement obtained by heating limestone and burnt coal in a kiln and 'ashmoh' means cement obtained by fine grinding of paddy husk, ash and hydrated lime with an additive.

Exim Code	Item Description	Policy	Policy Conditions
2501	SALT (INCLUDING TABLE SALT AND DENATURED SALT) AND PURE SODIUM CHLORIDE, WHETHER OR NOT IN AQUEOUS SOLUTION OR CONTAINING ADDED ANTI-CAKING OR FREE FLOWING AGENTS; SEA WATER		
2501 00	<i>Salt (including table salt and denatured salt) and pure sodium chloride, whether or not in aqueous solution or containing added anti-caking or free flowing agents; Sea water:</i>		
2501 00 10	Common Salt (including iodised salt)	Free	
2501 00 20	Rock Salt	Free	
2501 00 90	Other	Free	
2502 00 00	Unroasted iron pyrites	Free	
2503	SULPHUR OF ALL KINDS, OTHER THAN SUBLIMED SULPHUR, PRECIPATED SULPHUR AND COLLODIAL SULPHUR		
2503 00	<i>Sulphur of all kinds, other than sublimed sulphur, precipated sulphur and collodial sulphur:</i>		
2503 00 10	Sulphur recovered as by-product in refining of crude oil	Free	
2503 00 90	Other	Free	
2504	NATURAL GRAPHITE		
2504 10	<i>In powder or in flakes:</i>		
2504 10 10	Graphite, crystalline	Free	
2504 10 20	Graphite, amorphous	Free	
2504 10 90	Other	Free	

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2504 90	<i>Other:</i>		
2504 90 10	Graphite, micronised	Free	
2504 90 90	Other	Free	
2505	NATURAL SANDS OF ALL KINDS, WHETHER OR NOT COLOURED, OTHER THAN METAL-BEARING SANDS OF CHAPTER 26		
2505 10	<i>Silica sands and quartz sands:</i>		
	<i>Silica Sands:</i>		
2505 10 11	Processed (White)	Free	
2505 10 12	Processed (Brown)	Free	
2505 10 19	Other	Free	
2505 10 20	Quartz sands	Free	
2505 90 00	Other	Free	
2506	QUARTZ (OTHER THAN NATURAL SANDS); QUARTZITE, WHETHER OR NOT ROUGHLY TRIMMED OR MERELY CUT, BY SAWING OR OTHERWISE, INTO BLOCKS OR SLABS OF A RECTANGULAR (INCLUDING SQUARE) SHAPE		
2506 10	<i>Quartz:</i>		
2506 10 10	In lumps	Free	
2506 10 20	In powder	Free	
2506 20	<i>Quartzite:</i>		
2506 20 10	In lumps	Free	
2506 20 20	In powder	Free	
2506 20 90	Other	Free	
2507	KAOLIN AND OTHER KAOLINIC CLAYS, WHETHER OR NOT CALCINED		
2507 00	<i>Kaolin and other kailinic clays, whether or not calcined:</i>		
2507 00 10	Crude	Free	
	<i>Other:</i>		
2507 00 21	Pharmaceutical grade	Free	
2507 00 22	Ceramic grade	Free	
2507 00 29	Other	Free	
2508	OTHER CLAYS (NOT INCLUDING EXPANDED CLAYS OF HEADING 6806), ANDALUSITE, KYANITE AND SILLIMANITE,		

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	WHETHER OR NOT CALCINED; MULLITE; CHAMOTTE OR DINAS EARTHS		
2508 10	<i>Bentonite:</i>		
2508 10 10	Crude	Free	
2508 10 90	Other (includes processed and ground)	Free	
2508 30	<i>Fire Clay:</i>		
2508 30 10	Non-plastic	Free	
2508 30 20	Semi-plastic	Free	
2508 30 30	Plastic	Free	
2508 30 90	Other	Free	
2508 40	<i>Other Clays:</i>		
2508 40 10	Ball Clay	Free	
2508 40 20	Earth Clay	Free	
2508 40 90	Other	Free	
2508 50	<i>Andalusite, kyanite and sillimanite:</i>		
2508 50 10	Andalusite	Free	
	<i>Kyanite:</i>		
2508 50 21	Crude, other than calcined	Free	
2508 50 22	Processed, other than calcined (washed or ground or screened or beneficiated)	Free	
2508 50 23	Calcined	Free	
	<i>Sillimanite:</i>		
2508 50 31	Lumps	Free	
2508 50 32	Fines (including sand)	Free	
2508 50 39	Other	Free	
2508 60 00	Mullite	Free	
2508 70 00	Chamotte or dinas earths	Free	
2509 00 00	Chalk	Free	
2510	NATURAL CALCIUM PHOSPHATES, NATURAL ALUMINIUM CALCIUM PHOSPHATES AND PHOSPHATIC CHALK		
2510 10	<i>Unground:</i>		
2510 10 10	Natural calcium phosphate	Free	
2510 10 20	Natural aluminium calcium phosphate	Free	
2510 10 30	Natural calcium phosphate apatite	Free	
2510 10 90	Other	Free	
2510 20	<i>Ground:</i>		

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2510 20 10	Natural calcium phosphates	Free	
2510 20 20	Natural aluminium calcium phosphate	Free	
2510 20 30	Natural calcium phosphates apatite	Free	
2510 20 90	Other	Free	
2511	NATURAL BARIUM SULPHATE (BARYTES); NATURAL BARIUM CARBONATE (WITHERITE), WHETHER OR NOT CALCINED, OTHER THAN BARIUM OXIDE OF HEADING 2816		
2511 10	<i>Natural barium sulphate (barytes):</i>		
2511 10 10	Lumps	Free	
2511 10 20	Powder	Free	
2511 10 90	Other	Free	
2511 20 00	Natural barium carbonate (witherite)	Free	
2512	SILICEOUS FOSSIL MEALS (FOR EXAMPLE, KIESELGUHR, TRIPOLITE AND DIATOMITE) AND SIMILAR SILICEOUS EARTHS, WHETHER OR NOT CALCINED, OF AN APPARENT SPECIFIC GRAVITY OF 1 OR LESS		
2512 00	<i>Siliceous fossil meals (for example, kieselguhr, tripolite and diatomite) and similar siliceous earths, whether or not calcined, of an apparent specific gravity of 1 or less:</i>		
2512 00 10	Kieselguhr	Free	
2512 00 20	Tripolite	Free	
2512 00 30	Diatomite	Free	
2512 00 90	Other	Free	
2513	PUMICE STONES; EMERY; NATURAL CORUNDUM, NATURAL GARNET AND OTHER NATURAL ABRASIVES, WHETHER OR NOT HEAT-TREATED		
2513 10 00	Pumice stone	Free	
2513 20	<i>Emery, natural corundum, natural garnet and other natural abrasives:</i>		
2513 20 10	Emery	Free	
2513 20 20	Natural Corundum	Free	
2513 20 30	Natural garnet	Free	
2513 20 90	Other	Free	
2514 00 00	Slate, whether or not roughly trimmed or merely cut, by sawing or otherwise, into blocks or slabs of a	Restricted	

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	rectangular (including square) shape		
2515	MARBLE, TRAVERTINE, ECAUSSINE AND OTHER CALCAREOUS MONUMENTAL OR BUILDING STONE OF AN APPARENT SPECIFIC GRAVITY OF 2.5 OR MORE, AND ALABASTER, WHETHER OR NOT ROUGHLY TRIMMED OR MERELY CUT, BY SAWING OR OTHERWISE, INTO BLOCKS OR SLABS OF A RECTANGULAR (INCLUDING SQUARE) SHAPE		
	<i>Marble and travertine:</i>		
2515 11 00	Crude or roughly trimmed	Restricted	Import subject to Policy Condition (2) of the Chapter.
2515 12	<i>Merely cut, by sawing or otherwise, into blocks or slabs of a rectangular (including square) shape:</i>		
2515 12 10	Blocks	Restricted	Import subject to Policy Condition (2) of the Chapter.
2515 12 20	Slabs	Restricted	Import subject to Policy Condition (2) of the Chapter.
2515 12 90	Other	Restricted	Import subject to Policy Condition (2) of the Chapter.
2515 20	<i>Ecaussine and other calcareous monumental or building stone; alabaster:</i>		
2515 20 10	Alabaster	Free	
2515 20 90	Other	Restricted	
2516	GRANITE, PORPHYRY, BASALT, SANDSTONE AND OTHER MONUMENTAL OR BUILDING STONE, WHETHER OR NOT ROUGHLY TRIMMED OR MERELY CUT, BY SAWING OR OTHERWISE, INTO BLOCKS OR SLABS OF A RECTANGULAR (INCLUDING SQUARE) SHAPE		
	<i>Granite:</i>		
2516 11 00	Crude or roughly trimmed	Restricted	
2516 12 00	Merely cut, by sawing or otherwise, into blocks or slabs of a rectangular (including square) shape	Restricted	
2516 20 00	Sandstone	Restricted	

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2516 90	<i>Other monumental or building stone:</i>		
2516 90 10	Pakur stone	Restricted	
2516 90 20	Stone boulders	Restricted	
2516 90 90	Other	Restricted	
2517	PEBBLES, GRAVEL, BROKEN OR CRUSHED STONE, OF A KIND COMMONLY USED FOR CONCRETE AGGREGATES, FOR ROAD METALLING OR FOR RAILWAY OR OTHER BALLAST, SHINGLE AND FLINT, WHETHER OR NOT HEAT-TREATED; MACADAM OF SLAG, DROSS OR SIMILAR INDUSTRIAL WASTE, WHETHER OR NOT INCORPORATING THE MATERIALS CITED IN THE FIRST PART OF THE HEADING; TARRED MACADAM; GRANULES, CHIPPINGS AND POWDER, OF STONES OF HEADING 2515 OR 2516, WHETHER OR NOT HEAT-TREATED		
2517 10	<i>Pebbles, gravel, broken or crushed stone, of a kind commonly used for concrete aggregates, for road metalling or for railway or other ballast, shingle and flint, whether or not heat-treated:</i>		
2517 10 10	Pakur stone, crushed or broken	Free	
2517 10 20	Flint	Free	
2517 10 90	Other	Free	
2517 20 00	Macadam of slag, dross or similar industrial waste, whether or not incorporating the materials cited in sub-heading 2517 10	Free	
2517 30 00	Tarred macadam	Free	
	<i>Granules, chippings and powder, of stone of heading 2515 or 2516, whether or not heat treated:</i>		
2517 41 00	Of marble	Restricted	
2517 49 00	Other	Restricted	
2518	DOLOMITE, WHETHER OR NOT CALCINED OR SINTERED, INCLUDING DOLOMITE ROUGHLY TRIMMED OR MERELY CUT, BY SAWING OR OTHERWISE, INTO BLOCKS OR SLABS OF A RECTANGULAR (INCLUDING SQUARE)SHAPE; DOLOMITE RAMMING MIX		
2518 10 00	Dolomite not calcined or sintered	Free	
2518 20 00	Calcined or sintered dolomite	Free	
2518 30 00	Dolomite ramming mix	Free	

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2519	NATURAL MAGNESIUM CARBONATE (MAGNESITE); FUSED MAGNESIA; DEAD-BURNED (SINTERED) MAGNESIA, WHETHER OR NOT CONTAINING SMALL QUANTITIES OF OTHER OXIDES ADDED BEFORE SINTERING; OTHER MAGNESIUM OXIDE, WHETHER OR NOT PURE		
2519 10 00	Natural magnesium carbonate (magnesite)	Free	
2519 90	<i>Other:</i>		
2519 90 10	Fused magnesia (natural)	Free	
2519 90 20	Dead-burnt (sintered) magnesia	Free	
2519 90 30	Magnesium calcined (other than dead-burnt) not elsewhere specified or included	Free	
2519 90 40	Magnesium oxide	Free	
2519 90 90	Other	Free	
2520	GYPSUM; ANHYDRITE; PLASTERS (CONSISTING OF CALCINED GYPSUM OR CALCIUM SULPHATE) WHETHER OR NOT COLOURED, WITH OR WITHOUT SMALL QUANTITIES OF ACCELERATES OR RETARDERS		
2520 10	<i>Gypsum; anhydrite:</i>		
2520 10 10	Natural	Free	
2520 10 20	Marine	Free	
2520 10 90	Other	Free	
2520 20	<i>Plasters:</i>		
2520 20 10	Calcined	Free	
2520 20 90	Other	Free	
2521	LIMESTONE FLUX; LIMESTONE AND OTHER CALCAREOUS STONES, OF A KIND USED FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF LIME OR CEMENT		
2521 00	<i>Limestone flux; Limestone and other calcareous stones, of a kind used for the manufacture of lime or cement:</i>		
2521 00 10	Limestone flux (L.D., below 1% SiO ₂)	Free	
2521 00 90	Other	Free	
2522	QUICKLIME, SLAKED LIME AND HYDRAULIC LIME, OTHER THAN CALCIUM OXIDE AND HYDROXIDE OF HEADING 2825		
2522 10 00	Quicklime	Free	

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2522 20 00	Slaked lime	Free	
2522 30 00	Hydraulic lime	Free	
2523	PORTLAND CEMENT, ALUMINOUS CEMENT, SLAG CEMENT, SUPERSULPHATE CEMENT AND SIMILAR HYDRAULIC CEMENTS, WHETHER OR NOT COLOURED OR IN THE FORM OF CLINKERS		
2523 10 00	Cement Clinkers	Free	
	<i>Portland cement:</i>		
2523 21 00	White cement, whether or not artificially coloured	Free	
2523 29	<i>Other:</i>		
2523 29 10	Ordinary portland cement, dry	Free	
2523 29 20	Ordinary portland cement, coloured	Free	
2523 29 30	Portland pozzolana Cement	Free	
2523 29 40	Portland slag cement	Free	
2523 29 90	Other	Free	
2523 30 00	Aluminous cement	Free	
2523 90	<i>Other hydraulic cements:</i>		
2523 90 10	Sagol, ashmoh	Free	
2523 90 20	High alumina refractory cement	Free	
2523 90 90	Other	Free	
2524	ASBESTOS		However, import of Cryocidillite, Actinolite, Anthophyllite, Amosite and Tremolite will be 'Restricted' and subject to Policy Condition (1) below.
2524 10 10	Crocidolite	Free	
2524 90	<i>Other:</i>		
	<i>In rock form:</i>		
2524 90 11	Chrysotile	Free	
2524 90 12	Amphibole	Free	
2524 90 13	Crysolite	Free	
2524 90 14	Amosite	Restricted	Import subject to Policy Condition (1) below.

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2524 9019	Other	Free	
	<i>Fibre raw, beaten or washed or graded to length:</i>		
2524 90 21	Chrysolite	Free	
2524 90 22	Amphibole	Free	
2524 90 23	Crysolite	Free	
2524 90 24	Amosite	Restricted	Import subject Policy Condition (1) below.
2524 90 29	Other	Free	
	<i>Flakes or powder:</i>		
2524 90 31	Chrysotile	Free	
2524 90 32	Amphibole	Free	
2524 90 33	Crysolite	Free	
2524 90 34	Amosite	Restricted	Import subject to Policy Condition (1) below.
2524 90 39	Other	Free	
	<i>Other:</i>		
2524 90 91	Waste	Free	
2524 90 99	Other	Free	
2525	MICA, INCLUDING SPLITTINGS; MICA WASTE		
2525 10	<i>Crude mica and mica rifted into sheets or splittings:</i>		
2525 10 10	Mica blocks	Free	
2525 10 20	Condensor films trimmed but not cut to shape	Free	
2525 10 30	Mica splittings, book form	Free	
2525 10 40	Mica splittings, loose	Free	
2525 10 90	Other	Free	
2525 20	<i>Mica powder:</i>		
2525 20 10	Mica flakes, 2.20 mesh	Free	
2525 20 20	Mica powder, dry ground	Free	
2525 20 30	Mica powder, micronised	Free	
2525 20 40	Mica powder, wet ground	Free	
2525 20 50	Mica powder, calcined	Free	
2525 20 90	Other	Free	
2525 30	<i>Mica Waste:</i>		
2525 30 10	Mica mine scrap & waste	Free	
2525 30 20	Mica factory scrap	Free	
2525 30 30	Mica cuttings book form	Free	
2525 30 90	Other	Free	

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2526	NATURAL STEATITE, WHETHER OR NOT ROUGHLY TRIMMED OR MERELY CUT, BY SAWING OR OTHERWISE, INTO BLOCKS OR SLABS OF A RECTANGULAR (INCLUDING SQUARE) SHAPE; TALC		
2526 10	<i>Not crushed, not powdered:</i>		
2526 10 10	Steatite (soap stone, etc.) block	Free	
2526 10 20	Steatite (soap stone, etc.) lumps	Free	
2526 10 90	Other	Free	
2526 20 00	Crushed or powdered	Free	
2528	NATURAL BORATES AND CONCENTRATES THEREOF (WHETHER OR NOT CALCINED), BUT NOT INCLUDING BORATES SEPARATED FROM NATURAL BRINE; NATURAL BORIC ACID CONTAINING NOT MORE THAN 85% OF H₃BO₃ CALCULATED ON THE DRY WEIGHT		
2528 00	<i>Natural borates and concentrates thereof (whether or not calcined), but not including borates separated from natural brine; natural boric acid containing not more than 85% of h₃bo₃ calculated on the dry weight:</i>		
2528 90 10	Natural sodium borates and concentrates thereof (whether or not calcined)	Free	
2528 90 20	Natural boric acid containing not more than 85% of H ₃ BO ₃ (calculated on the dry weight)	Free	
2528 90 30	Natural calcium borates and concentrates thereof (whether or not calcined)	Free	
2528 90 90	Other	Free	
2529	FELDSPAR; LEUCITE; NEPHELINE AND NEPHELINE SYENITE; NFLUORSPAR		
2529 10	<i>Feldspar:</i>		
2529 10 10	Lumps	Free	
2529 10 20	Powder	Free	
	<i>Fluorspar:</i>		
2529 21 00	Containing by weight 97% or less of calcium flouride	Free	
2529 22 00	Containing by weight more than 97% of calcium fluoride	Free	
2529 30 00	Leucite; nepheline and nepheline syenite	Free	
2530	MINERAL SUBSTANCES NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED OR INCLUDED		
2530 10	<i>Vermiculite, perlite and chlorites, unexpanded:</i>		

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2530 10 10	Vermiculite	Free	
2530 10 20	Perlite	Free	
2530 10 90	Others (including powder)	Free	
2530 20 00	Kieserite, epsomite (natural magnesium sulphates)	Free	
2530 90	Other:		
2530 90 10	Meerschaum (whether or not in polished pieces) and amber agglomerated; meerchaum and agglomerated amber in plates, rods, etc. not worked after moulding jet	Free	
2530 90 20	Natural arsenic sulphides (such as orpiment)	Free	
2530 90 30	Calcite	Free	
2530 90 40	Ores and concentrates of rare earth metals	Free	
2530 90 50	Wollastonite	Free	
2530 90 60	Earth colour ochre, crude	Free	
2530 90 70	Other processed earth colour ochre	Free	
	Other:		
2530 90 91	Strontium Sulphate (natural ore)	Free	
2530 90 99	Other	Free	

Policy Conditions of this Chapter:

- (1) Import is restricted in terms of Interim PIC Procedure of Rotterdam Convention on Prior Informed Consent procedure for hazardous chemicals and pesticides.
 - (2) Import of rough marble blocks will be subject to conditions laid down in Notification No. 64 (RE-2010)/2009-2014 dated 04.08.2011 and / or as amended from time to time.
 - (3) Import of Marble, Classified under Chapter 25 and 68, from Bhutan shall be subject to a combined annual quota of 10 Lakh Square Ft (5882 MT). The quota shall come into effect immediately and shall operate on a financial year basis. Monitoring and allocation of the quota shall be made by the Government of Bhutan.
- 4** Import of items under Exim Codes 2515 11 00, 2515 12 10, 2515 12 20, 2515 12 90 from Sri Lanka under the India-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement (ISFTA) is allowed only through the Port of Kolkata. In addition to this condition, import of these items shall also be subject to all the conditions applicable on imports under ISFTA.

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