SECTION V

MINERAL PRODUCTS

CHAPTER 25

SALT; SULFUR; 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 which 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 a specific use rather than for general use.

2. This chapter does not cover:

   (a) Sublimed sulfur, precipitated sulfur or colloidal sulfur (heading 2802);

   (b) Earth colors containing 70 percent or more by weight of combined iron evaluated as Fe_2O_3 (heading 282l);

   (c) Medicaments or other products of chapter 30;

   (d) Perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations (chapter 33);

   (e) Setts, curbstones or flagstones (heading 6801); mosaic cubes and the like (heading 6802); roofing, facing or damp course slates (heading 6803);

   (f) Precious or semiprecious 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 chalks (heading 9504); or

   (ij) Writing or drawing chalks or tailors' chalks (heading 9609).

3. Any products classifiable in heading 2517 and any other heading of the chapter are to be classified in heading 2517.

4. Heading 2530 applies, inter alia, to: vermiculite, perlite and chlorites, unexpanded; earth colors, 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 molding; jet; strontianite (whether or not calcined), other than strontium oxide; broken pieces of pottery, brick or concrete.

Statistical Note

1. For the purposes of heading 2525:

   (a) The term "split block mica" means mica, not exceeding 0.508 mm in thickness, that has been split and selected within a tolerance of 0.203 mm, but which has not been cut or stamped to dimensions, shape or form;

   (b) The term "mica splittings" means mica laminae in book-form or book-pack, or in loose pack, suitable for use in the manufacture of agglomerated (built-up) mica included in heading 6815.

Compiler's Note

The provisions of subchapter II of chapter 99 (Miscellaneous Tariff Bills or MTBs), the provisions of the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) found in General Note 4 and most product exclusions from the additional tariffs on products of China in subchapter III of chapter 99 expired on December 31, 2020. However, no endnotes or footnotes relating to these provisions have been deleted as of the issue date of this edition.

Heading/ Subheading	Stat. Suf-fix	Article Description	Unit of Quantity	Rates of Duty 1 General	Rates of Duty 1 Special	Rates of Duty 2
2501.00.00	00	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	t	Free[1/]		26%
2502.00.00	00	Unroasted iron pyrites	t	Free[1/]		Free
2503.00.00		Sulfur of all kinds, other than sublimed sulfur, precipitated sulfur and colloidal sulfur		Free[1/]		Free
	10	Crude or unrefined sulfur	t			
	90	Other	t			
2504		Natural graphite:				
2504.10		In powder or in flakes:				
2504.10.10	00	Crystalline flake (not including flake dust)	kg	Free		3.6¢/kg
2504.10.50	00	Other	kg	Free		10%
2504.90.00	00	Other	kg	Free		10%
2505		Natural sands of all kinds, whether or not colored, other than metalbearing sands of chapter 26:				
2505.10		Silica sands and quartz sands:				
2505.10.10	00	Sand containing by weight 95 percent or more of silica and not more than 0.6 percent of oxide of iron	t	Free[1/]		$1.97/t
2505.10.50	00	Other	t	Free[1/]		Free
2505.90.00	00	Other	t	Free[1/]		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:				
2506.10.00		Quartz		Free[1/]		Free
	10	Sands (other than natural) containing by weight 95 percent or more of silica and not more than 0.6 percent of oxide of iron	t			
	50	Other	t			
2506.20.00		Quartzite		Free[1/]		Free
	10	Crude or roughly trimmed	t			
	80	Other	t			
2507.00.00	00	Kaolin and other kaolinic clays, whether or not calcined	t	Free[1/]		$2.46/t
2508		Other clays (not including expanded clays of heading 6806), andalusite, kyanite and sillimanite, whether or not calcined; mullite; chamotte or dinas earths:				
2508.10.00	00	Bentonite	t	Free[1/]		$3.20/t
2508.30.00	00	Fire-clay	t	Free		$1.97/t
2508.40.01		Other clays		Free[1/]		$1.97/t
	10	Common blue clay and other ball clays	t			
	20	Decolorizing earths and fuller's earth	t			
	50	Other	t			
2508.50.00	00	Andalusite, kyanite and sillimanite	t	Free[1/]		Free
2508.60.00	00	Mullite	t	Free[1/]		30%
2508.70.00	00	Chamotte or dinas earth	t	Free[1/]		Free
2509.00		Chalk:				
2509.00.10	00	Crude	t	Free[1/]		Free
2509.00.20	00	Other	t	Free[1/]		13%

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2510		Natural calcium phosphates, natural aluminum calcium phosphates and phosphatic chalk:				
2510.10.00	00	Unground	t	Free[1/]		Free
2510.20.00	00	Ground	t	Free[1/]		Free
2511		Natural barium sulfate (barytes); natural barium carbonate (witherite), whether or not calcined, other than barium oxide of heading 2816:				
2511.10		Natural barium sulfate (barytes):				
2511.10.10	00	Ground	t	Free		$7.38/t
2511.10.50	00	Other	t	$1.25/t	Free (A, AU, BH, CL, CO, D, E, IL, JO, KR, MA, OM, P, PA, PE, S, SG)	$3.94/t
2511.20.00	00	Natural barium carbonate (witherite)	kg	Free[1/]		30%
2512.00.00	00	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	t	Free[1/]		Free
2513		Pumice; emery; natural corundum, natural garnet and other natural abrasives, whether or not heat-treated:				
2513.10.00		Pumice stone		Free[1/]		Free
	10	Crude or in irregular pieces, including crushed pumice	kg			
	80	Other	kg			
2513.20		Emery, natural corundum, natural garnet and other natural abrasives:				
2513.20.10	00	Crude or in irregular pieces	kg	Free[1/]		Free
2513.20.90	00	Other	kg	Free[1/]		2.2¢/kg
2514.00.00	00	Slate, whether or not roughly trimmed or merely cut, by sawing or otherwise, into blocks or slabs of a rectangular (including square) shape	t	Free[1/]		25%
2515		Marble, travertine 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:				
		Marble and travertine:				
2515.11.00	00	Crude or roughly trimmed	m^3 t	Free[1/]		$22.95/$m^3$
2515.12		Merely cut, by sawing or otherwise, into blocks or slabs of a rectangular (including square) shape:				
2515.12.10	00	Marble	t	Free[1/]		13%
2515.12.20	00	Travertine	t	3%[1/]	Free (A, AU, BH, CL, CO, D, E, IL, JO, KR, MA, OM, P, PA, PE, S, SG)	50%
2515.20.00	00	Other calcareous monumental or building stone; alabaster	t	3%[1/]	Free (A, AU, BH, CL, CO, D, E, IL, JO, KR, MA, OM, P, PA, PE, S, SG)	50%

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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:				
		Granite:				
2516.11.00	00	Crude or roughly trimmed	m^3 t	Free[1/]		$8.83/$m^3$
2516.12.00		Merely cut, by sawing or otherwise, into blocks or slabs of a rectangular (including square) shape		2.8%[1/]	Free (A, AU, BH, CL, CO, D, E, IL, JO, KR, MA, OM, P, PA, PE, S, SG)	60%
	30	Having a thickness of 7.5 cm or more	t			
	60	Other	t			
2516.20		Sandstone:				
2516.20.10	00	Crude or roughly trimmed	m^3 t	Free[1/]		$5.30/$m^3$
2516.20.20	00	Merely cut, by sawing or otherwise, into blocks or slabs of a rectangular (including square) shape	t	3%[1/]	Free (A, AU, BH, CL, CO, D, E, IL, JO, KR, MA, OM, P, PA, PE, S, SG)	50%
2516.90.00		Other monumental or building stone		3%[1/]	Free (A, AU, BH, CL, CO, D, E, IL, JO, KR, MA, OM, P, PA, PE, S, SG)	50%
	30	Having a thickness of 7.5 cm or more	t			
	60	Other	t			
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:				
2517.10.00		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		Free[1/]		30%
	15	Pebbles and gravel	t			
	20	Limestone, except pebbles and gravel	t			
	55	Other	t			
2517.20.00	00	Macadam of slag, dross or similar industrial waste, whether or not incorporating the materials cited in subheading 2517.10	t	Free[1/]		30%
2517.30.00	00	Tarred macadam	t	Free[1/]		30%
		Granules, chippings and powder, of stones of heading 2515 or 2516, whether or not heat-treated:				
2517.41.00	00	Of marble	t	Free[1/]		30%
2517.49.00	00	Other	t	Free[1/]		$1.10/t

Heading/ Subheading	Stat. Suf-fix	Article Description	Unit of Quantity	Rates of Duty 1 General	Rates of Duty 1 Special	Rates of Duty 2
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	00	Dolomite, not calcined or sintered	t	Free[1/]		Free
2518.20.00	00	Calcined or sintered dolomite	t	3%[1/]	Free (A, AU, BH, CL, CO, D, E, IL, JO, KR, MA, OM, P, PA, PE, S, SG)	30%
2518.30.00	00	Dolomite ramming mix	t	Free[1/]		30%
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	00	Natural magnesium carbonate (magnesite)	t	Free		$10.33/t
2519.90		Other:				
2519.90.10	00	Fused magnesia and dead-burned (sintered) magnesia	kg	Free		1.7¢/kg
2519.90.20	00	Caustic calcined magnesite	t	Free		$20.70/t
2519.90.50	00	Other	kg	Free		15.4¢/kg
2520		Gypsum; anhydrite; plasters (consisting of calcined gypsum or calcium sulfate) whether or not colored, with or without small quantities of accelerators or retarders:				
2520.10.00	00	Gypsum; anhydrite	t	Free[1/]		Free
2520.20.00	00	Plasters	t	Free[1/]		$1.38/t
2521.00.00	00	Limestone flux; limestone and other calcareous stone, of a kind used for the manufacture of lime or cement	t	Free[1/]		Free
2522		Quicklime, slaked lime and hydraulic lime, other than calcium oxide and hydroxide of heading 2825:				
2522.10.00	00	Quicklime	kg	Free[1/]		0.2¢/kg, including weight of container
2522.20.00	00	Slaked lime	kg	Free[1/]		0.3¢/kg, including weight of container
2522.30.00	00	Hydraulic lime	kg	Free[1/]		0.2¢/kg, including weight of container

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2523		Portland cement, aluminous cement, slag cement, supersulfate cement and similar hydraulic cements, whether or not colored or in the form of clinkers:				
2523.10.00	00	Cement clinkers	t	Free[1/]		$1.32/t, including weight of container
		Portland cement:				
2523.21.00	00	White cement, whether or not artificially colored	t	Free[1/]		$1.76/t, including weight of container
2523.29.00	00	Other	t	Free[1/]		$1.32/t, including weight of container
2523.30.00	00	Aluminous cement	t	Free[1/]		$1.32/t, including weight of container
2523.90.00	00	Other hydraulic cements	t	Free[1/]		$1.32/t, including weight of container
2524		Asbestos:				
2524.10.00	00	Crocidolite (Blue)	t	Free[1/]		Free
2524.90.00		Other		Free[1/]		Free
	10	Amosite	t			
		Chrysotile:				
	30	Crudes	t			
	40	Milled fibers, group 3 grades (spinning fibers or equivalent)	t			
	45	Milled fibers, group 4 and 5 grades	t			
	55	Other	t			
	60	Other	t			
2525		Mica, including splittings; mica waste:				
2525.10.00		Crude mica and mica rifted into sheets or splittings		Free[1/]		Free
	10	Split block mica	kg			
	20	Mica splittings	kg			
	50	Other	kg			
2525.20.00	00	Mica powder	kg	Free[1/]		20%
2525.30.00	00	Mica waste	kg	Free[1/]		8.8¢/kg
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:				
2526.10.00	00	Not crushed, not powdered	kg	Free		0.6¢/kg
2526.20.00	00	Crushed or powdered	t	Free		35%

Heading/ Subheading	Stat. Suf- fix	Article Description	Unit of Quantity	Rates of Duty 1 General	Rates of Duty 1 Special	Rates of Duty 2
2528.00.00		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 percent of H_3BO_3 calculated on the dry weight		Free[1/]		Free
	05	Natural sodium borates and concentrates thereof (whether or not calcined)	kg			
	10	Natural calcium borates	kg			
	50	Other	kg			
2529		Feldspar; leucite, nepheline and nepheline syenite; fluorspar:				
2529.10.00	00	Feldspar	t	Free[1/]		49¢/t
		Fluorspar:				
2529.21.00	00	Containing by weight 97 percent or less of calcium fluoride	t	Free		13.5%
2529.22.00	00	Containing by weight more than 97 percent of calcium fluoride	t	Free		$5.51/t
2529.30.00		Leucite; nepheline and nepheline syenite		Free[1/]		Free
	10	Nepheline syenite	t			
	50	Other	t			
2530		Mineral substances not elsewhere specified or included:				
2530.10.00	00	Vermiculite, perlite and chlorites, unexpanded	kg	Free[1/]		Free
2530.20		Kieserite, epsom salts (natural magnesium sulfates):				
2530.20.10	00	Kieserite	kg	Free[1/]		Free
2530.20.20	00	Epsom salts	kg	Free[1/]		20%
2530.90		Other:				
2530.90.10	00	Natural cryolite; natural chiolite	t	Free[1/]		Free
2530.90.20	00	Natural micaceous iron oxides	kg	2.9%[1/]	Free (A, AU, BH, CL, CO, D, E, IL, JO, KR, MA, OM, P, PA, PE, S, SG)	20%
2530.90.80		Other		Free		0.3¢/kg
	10	Celestite	kg			
	15	Earth colors	kg			
	50	Other	kg			

1/ See 9903.88.03.