

HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE of the United States (1994) -- Supplement 1

Annotated for Statistical Reporting Purposes
CHAPTER 39

PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF

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Notes

1. Throughout the tariff schedule the expression "plastics" means those materials of headings 3901 to 3914 which are or have been capable, either at the moment of polymerization or at some subsequent stage, of being formed under external influence (usually heat and pressure, if necessary with a solvent or plasticizer) by molding, casting, extruding, rolling or other process into shapes which are retained on the removal of the external influence.

Throughout the tariff schedule, any reference to "plastics" also includes vulcanized fiber. The expression, however, does not apply to materials regarded as textile materials of section XI.
2. This chapter does not cover:
 - (a) Waxes of heading 2712 or 3404;
 - (b) Separate chemically defined organic compounds (chapter 29);
 - (c) Heparin or its salts (heading 3001);
 - (d) Stamping foils of heading 3212;
 - (e) Organic surface-active agents or preparations of heading 3402;
 - (f) Gum resins or ester gums (heading 3806);
 - (g) Synthetic rubber, as defined for the purposes of chapter 40, or articles thereof;
 - (h) Saddlery or harness (heading 4201) or trunks, suitcases, handbags or other containers of heading 4202;
 - (i) Plaits, wickerwork or other articles of chapter 46;
 - (j) Wall coverings of heading 4814;
 - (k) Goods of section XI (textiles and textile articles);
 - (l) Articles of section XII (for example, footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, whips, riding-crops or parts thereof);
 - (m) Imitation jewelry of heading 7117;
 - (n) Articles of section XVI (machines and mechanical or electrical appliances);
 - (o) Parts of aircraft or vehicles of section XVII;
 - (p) Articles of chapter 90 (for example, optical elements, spectacle frames, drawing instruments);
 - (q) Articles of chapter 91 (for example, clock or watch cases);
 - (r) Articles of chapter 92 (for example, musical instruments or parts thereof);
 - (s) Articles of chapter 94 (for example, furniture, lamps and lighting fittings, illuminated signs, prefabricated buildings);
 - (t) Articles of chapter 95 (for example, toys, games, sports equipment); or
 - (u) Articles of chapter 96 (for example, brushes, buttons, slide fasteners, combs, mouthpieces or stems for smoking pipes, cigarette holders or the like, parts of vacuum flasks or the like, pens, mechanical pencils).
3. Headings 3901 to 3911 apply only to goods of a kind produced by chemical synthesis, falling in the following categories:
 - (a) Liquid synthetic polyolefins of which less than 60 percent by volume distills at 300°C, after conversion to 1,013 millibars when a reduced-pressure distillation method is used (headings 3901 and 3902);
 - (b) Resins, not highly polymerized, of the coumarone-indene type (heading 3911);
 - (c) Other synthetic polymers with an average of at least five monomer units;
 - (d) Silicones (heading 3910);
 - (e) Resols (heading 3909) and other prepolymers.