

SECTION V
MINERAL PRODUCTS

CHAPTER 25

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

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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 antidusting 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 2821);
 - (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 chinks (heading 9504); or
 - (i) Writing or drawing chinks or tailors' chinks (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 pottery.

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Heading/ Subheading	Article Description	Rates of Duty		
		1		2
		General	Special	
2501.00.00	Salt (including table salt and denatured salt) and pure sodium chloride, whether or not in aqueous solution or containing added anticaking or free-flowing agents; sea water	Free		26%
2502.00.00	Unroasted iron pyrites	Free		Free
2503.00.00	Sulfur of all kinds, other than sublimed sulfur, precipitated sulfur and colloidal sulfur	Free		Free
2504	Natural graphite:			
2504.10.00	In powder or in flakes	Free		10%
2504.90.00	Other	Free		10%
2505	Natural sands of all kinds, whether or not colored, other than metal-bearing sands of chapter 26:			
2505.10.00	Silica sands and quartz sands	Free		\$1.97/t
2505.90.00	Other	Free		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		Free
	Quartzite:			
2506.21.00	Crude or roughly trimmed	Free		Free
2506.29.00	Other	Free		Free
2507.00.00	Kaolin and other kaolinic clays, whether or not calcined	Free		\$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	Bentonite	Free		\$3.20/t
2508.20.00	Decolorizing earths and fuller's earth	Free		\$1.48/t
2508.30.00	Fire-clay	Free		\$1.97/t
2508.40.00	Other clays	Free		\$1.97/t
2508.50.00	Andalusite, kyanite and sillimanite	Free		Free
2508.60.00	Mullite	Free		30%
2508.70.00	Chamotte or dinas earth	Free		Free
2509.00.00	Chalk	Free		13%
2510	Natural calcium phosphates, natural aluminum calcium phosphates and phosphatic chalk:			
2510.10.00	Unground	Free		Free
2510.20.00	Ground	Free		Free
2511	Natural barium sulfate (barytes); natural barium carbonate (witherite), whether or not calcined, other than barium oxide of heading 2816:			
2511.10.00	Natural barium sulfate (barytes)	Free		\$7.38/t
2511.20.00	Natural barium carbonate (witherite)	Free		30%

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Heading/ Subheading	Article Description	Rates of Duty		
		1		2
		General	Special	
2512.00.00	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	Free		Free
2513	Pumice; emery; natural corundum, natural garnet and other natural abrasives, whether or not heat-treated:			
	Pumice:			
2513.11.00	Crude or in irregular pieces, including crushed pumice	Free		Free
2513.19.00	Other	Free		1.7¢/kg
2513.20.00	Emery, natural corundum, natural garnet and other natural abrasives	Free		2.2¢/kg
2514.00.00	Slate, whether or not roughly trimmed or merely cut, by sawing or otherwise, into blocks or slabs of a rectangular (including square) shape	Free		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	Crude or roughly trimmed	Free		\$22.95/m ³
2515.12.00	Merely cut, by sawing or otherwise, into blocks or slabs of a rectangular (including square) shape	Free		50%
2515.20.00	Other calcareous monumental or building stone; alabaster	3%	Free (CA,E,IL,J, MX)	50%
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	Crude or roughly trimmed	Free		\$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%	Free (CA,E,IL,J, MX)	60%
	Sandstone:			
2516.21.00	Crude or roughly trimmed	Free		\$5.30/m ³
2516.22.00	Merely cut, by sawing or otherwise, into blocks or slabs of a rectangular (including square) shape	3%	Free (CA,E,IL, J,MX)	50%
2516.90.00	Other monumental or building stone	3%	Free (CA,E,IL, J,MX)	50%

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Heading/ Subheading	Article Description	Rates of Duty		
		1		2
		General	Special	
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		30%
2517.20.00	Macadam of slag, dross or similar industrial waste, whether or not incorporating the materials cited in subheading 2517.10	Free		30%
2517.30.00	Tarred macadam	Free		30%
2517.41.00	Granules, chippings and powder, of stones of heading 2515 or 2516, whether or not heat-treated: Of marble	Free		30%
2517.49.00	Other	Free		\$1.10/t
2518	Dolomite, whether or not calcined; dolomite roughly trimmed or merely cut, by sawing or otherwise, into blocks or slabs of a rectangular (including square) shape; agglomerated dolomite (including tarred dolomite):			
2518.10.00	Dolomite not calcined	Free		Free
2518.20.00	Calcined dolomite	3%	Free (CA,E,IL,J, MX)	30%
2518.30.00	Agglomerated dolomite (including tarred dolomite)	Free		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	Natural magnesium carbonate (magnesite)	Free		\$10.33/t
2519.90.00	Other	Free		\$20.70/t

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Heading/ Subheading	Article Description	Rates of Duty		
		1		2
		General	Special	
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	Gypsum; anhydrite	Free		Free
2520.20.00	Plasters	Free		\$1.38/t
2521.00.00	Limestone flux; limestone and other calcareous stone, of a kind used for the manufacture of lime or cement	Free		Free
2522	Quicklime, slaked lime and hydraulic lime, other than calcium oxide and hydroxide of heading 2825:			
2522.10.00	Quicklime	Free		0.2¢/kg, including weight of container
2522.20.00	Slaked lime	Free		0.3¢/kg, including weight of container
2522.30.00	Hydraulic lime	Free		0.2¢/kg, including weight of container
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	Cement clinkers	Free		\$1.32/t, including weight of container
2523.21.00	Portland cement: White cement, whether or not artificially colored	Free		\$1.76/t, including weight of container
2523.29.00	Other	Free		\$1.32/t, including weight of container
2523.30.00	Aluminous cement	Free		\$1.32/t, including weight of container
2523.90.00	Other hydraulic cements	Free		\$1.32/t, including weight of container
2524.00.00	Asbestos	Free		Free

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Heading/ Subheading	Article Description	Rates of Duty		
		1		2
		General	Special	
2525	Mica, including splittings; mica waste:			
2525.10.00	Crude mica and mica rifted into sheets or splittings	Free		Free
2525.20.00	Mica powder	Free		20%
2525.30.00	Mica waste	Free		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	Not crushed, not powdered	Free		0.6¢/kg
2526.20.00	Crushed or powdered	Free		35%
2527.00.00	Natural cryolite; natural chiolite	Free		Free
2528	Natural borates and concentrates thereof (calcined or not), but not including borates separated from natural brine; natural boric acid containing not more than 85 percent of H ₃ BO ₃ calculated on the dry weight:			
2528.10.00	Natural sodium borates and concentrates thereof (whether or not calcined)	Free		Free
2528.90.00	Other	Free		Free
2529	Feldspar; leucite, nepheline and nepheline syenite; fluorspar:			
2529.10.00	Feldspar	Free		49¢/t
2529.21.00	Fluorspar: Containing by weight 97 percent or less of calcium fluoride	Free		13.5%
2529.22.00	Containing by weight more than 97 percent of calcium fluoride	Free		\$5.51/t
2529.30.00	Leucite; nepheline and nepheline syenite	Free		Free
2530	Mineral substances not elsewhere specified or included:			
2530.10.00	Vermiculite, perlite and chlorites, unexpanded	Free		Free
2530.20.00	Kieserite, epsom salts (natural magnesium sulfates)	Free		20%
2530.40.00	Natural micaceous iron oxides	2.9%	Free (CA,E,IL,J, MX)	20%
2530.90.00	Other	Free		0.3¢/kg

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Concordance and Change Record

(Changes Indicated with Bold Type)

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Chapter Note Changes:

Add: Additional U.S. Note 1

Delete:

1999 Tariff Line(s):	Proposed Tariff Line(s):	2004 Col. 1 Duty Rate:	Proposed Duty Rate:
2501.00.00	2501.00.00	Free	Free
2502.00.00	2502.00.00	Free	Free
2503.00.00	2503.00.00	Free	Free
2504.10.10	2504.10.00	Free	Free
2504.10.50	2504.10.00	Free	Free
2504.90.00	2504.90.00	Free	Free
2505.10.00	2505.10.00	Free	Free
2505.90.00	2505.90.00	Free	Free
2506.10.00	2506.10.00	Free	Free
2506.21.00	2506.21.00	Free	Free
2506.29.00	2506.29.00	Free	Free
2507.00.00	2507.00.00	Free	Free
2508.10.00	2508.10.00	Free	Free
2508.20.00	2508.20.00	Free	Free
2508.30.00	2508.30.00	Free	Free
2508.40.00	2508.40.00	Free	Free
2508.50.00	2508.50.00	Free	Free
2508.60.00	2508.60.00	Free	Free
2508.70.00	2508.70.00	Free	Free
2509.00.10	2509.00.00	Free	Free

1999 Tariff Line(s):	Proposed Tariff Line(s):	2004 Col. 1 Duty Rate:	Proposed Duty Rate:
2509.00.20	2509.00.00	Free	Free
2510.10.00	2510.10.00	Free	Free
2510.20.00	2510.20.00	Free	Free
2511.10.10	2511.10.00	Free	Free
2511.10.50	2511.10.00	\$1.25/t	Free
2511.20.00	2511.20.00	Free	Free
2512.00.00	2512.00.00	Free	Free
2513.11.00	2513.11.00	Free	Free
2513.19.00	2513.19.00	Free	Free
2513.20.10	2513.20.00	Free	Free
2513.20.90	2513.20.00	Free	Free
2514.00.00	2514.00.00	Free	Free
2515.11.00	2515.11.00	Free	Free
2515.12.10	2515.12.00	Free	Free
2515.12.20	2515.12.00	3%	Free
2515.20.00	2515.20.00	3%	3%
2516.11.00	2516.11.00	Free	Free
2516.12.00	2516.12.00	2.8%	2.8%
2516.21.00	2516.21.00	Free	Free
2516.22.00	2516.22.00	3%	3%
2516.90.00	2516.90.00	3%	3%
2517.10.00	2517.10.00	Free	Free
2517.20.00	2517.20.00	Free	Free
2517.30.00	2517.30.00	Free	Free
2517.41.00	2517.41.00	Free	Free
2517.49.00	2517.49.00	Free	Free
2518.10.00	2518.10.00	Free	Free
2518.20.00	2518.20.00	3%	3%

1999 Tariff Line(s):	Proposed Tariff Line(s):	2004 Col. 1 Duty Rate:	Proposed Duty Rate:
2518.30.00	2518.30.00	Free	Free
2519.10.00	2519.10.00	Free	Free
2519.90.10	2519.90.00	Free	Free
2519.90.20	2519.90.00	Free	Free
2519.90.50	2519.90.00	Free	Free
2520.10.00	2520.10.00	Free	Free
2520.20.00	2520.20.00	Free	Free
2521.00.00	2521.00.00	Free	Free
2522.10.00	2522.10.00	Free	Free
2522.20.00	2522.20.00	Free	Free
2522.30.00	2522.30.00	Free	Free
2523.10.00	2523.10.00	Free	Free
2523.21.00	2523.21.00	Free	Free
2523.29.00	2523.29.00	Free	Free
2523.30.00	2523.30.00	Free	Free
2523.90.00	2523.90.00	Free	Free
2524.00.00	2524.00.00	Free	Free
2525.10.00	2525.10.00	Free	Free
2525.20.00	2525.20.00	Free	Free
2525.30.00	2525.30.00	Free	Free
2526.10.00	2526.10.00	Free	Free
2526.20.00	2526.20.00	Free	Free
2527.00.00	2527.00.00	Free	Free
2528.10.00	2528.10.00	Free	Free
2528.90.00	2528.90.00	Free	Free
2529.10.00	2529.10.00	Free	Free
2529.21.00	2529.21.00	Free	Free
2529.22.00	2529.22.00	Free	Free

1999 Tariff Line(s):	Proposed Tariff Line(s):	2004 Col. 1 Duty Rate:	Proposed Duty Rate:
2529.30.00	2529.30.00	Free	Free
2530.10.00	2530.10.00	Free	Free
2530.20.10	2530.20.00	Free	Free
2530.20.20	2530.20.00	Free	Free
2530.40.00	2530.40.00	2.9%	2.9%
2530.90.00	2530.90.00	Free	Free