

Chapter 93

Arms and ammunition; Parts and accessories thereof

Notes.

- 1.- This Chapter does not cover :
 - (a) Goods of Chapter 36 (for example, percussion caps, detonators, signalling flares);
 - (b) Parts of general use, as defined in Note 2 to Section XV, of base metal (Section XV), or similar goods of plastics (Chapter 39);
 - (c) Armoured fighting vehicles (heading 87.10);
 - (d) Telescopic sights and other optical devices suitable for use with arms, unless mounted on a firearm or presented with the firearm on which they are designed to be mounted (Chapter 90);
 - (e) Bows, arrows, fencing foils or toys (Chapter 95); or
 - (f) Collectors' pieces or antiques (heading 97.05 or 97.06).
- 2.- In heading 93.06, the reference to " parts thereof " does not include radio or radar apparatus of heading 85.26.

GENERAL

This Chapter covers :

- (1) Arms of all descriptions designed for ground, sea or air warfare, for use by military armed forces or by the police or other organised services (customs, frontier guards, etc.).
- (2) Arms for use by private persons for defence, hunting, target shooting (e.g., in miniature ranges, shooting galleries or fairground stands), etc.
- (3) Other devices which operate by the firing of an explosive charge (e.g., line-throwing guns and Very pistols).
- (4) Ammunition and missiles (**other than** articles of **Chapter 36**).

Subject to a few **exceptions** (see the Explanatory Notes to headings 93.05 and 93.06), the Chapter also includes parts and accessories of arms and parts of ammunition.

Telescopic sights and other optical devices suitable for use with arms and mounted thereon, or presented with the firearms on which they are designed to be mounted, are classified with the arm. Otherwise presented, such optical devices are **excluded** (**Chapter 90**).

Vehicles are **excluded** from this Chapter even if they are designed solely for military use, and whether or not they are fitted with weapons. The Chapter therefore **excludes**, for example, armoured railway vehicles (**Chapter 86**), tanks and armoured cars (**heading 87.10**), military aircraft (**heading 88.01** or **88.02**), and warships (**heading 89.06**). However, separately presented arms for these vehicles, etc. (guns, machine-guns, etc.), fall in this Chapter (see the Explanatory Note to heading 93.01 with regard to certain arms mounted on railway or road vehicles).

The following are also **excluded** from this Chapter :

- (a) Steel helmets and other military headgear (**Chapter 65**).
- (b) Personal protective armour, e.g., cuirasses, coats of mail, bullet-proof jackets, etc. (classified according to their constituent materials).
- (c) Cross-bows, bows and arrows for archery, and arms having the character of toys (**Chapter 95**).
- (d) Collectors' pieces and antiques (**heading 97.05 or 97.06**).

The arms and parts thereof of this Chapter may contain precious metal, metal clad with precious metal, natural or cultured pearls, precious and semi-precious stones (natural, synthetic or reconstructed), tortoise-shell, mother-of-pearl, ivory and similar materials.