

Chapter 57

Carpets and other textile floor coverings

Notes.

- 1.- For the purposes of this Chapter, the term “ carpets and other textile floor coverings ” means floor coverings in which textile materials serve as the exposed surface of the article when in use and includes articles having the characteristics of textile floor coverings but intended for use for other purposes.
- 2.- This Chapter does not cover floor covering underlays.

GENERAL

This Chapter covers carpets and other textile floor coverings in which textile materials serve as the exposed surface of the article when in use. It includes articles having the characteristics of textile floor coverings (e.g., thickness, stiffness and strength) but intended for use for other purposes (for example, as wall hangings or table covers or for other furnishing purposes).

The above products are classified in this Chapter whether made up (i.e., made directly to size, hemmed, lined, fringed, assembled, etc.), in the form of carpet squares, bedside rugs, hearth rugs, or in the form of carpeting for installation in rooms, corridors, passages or stairs, in the length for cutting and making up.

They may also be impregnated (e.g., with latex) or backed with woven or nonwoven fabrics or with cellular rubber or plastics.

The Chapter **does not cover :**

- (a) Floor covering underlays, i.e., coarse fabric or felt padding placed between the floor and the carpet (classified according to its constituent material).
- (b) Linoleum and other floor coverings consisting of a coating or covering applied on a textile backing (**heading 59.04**).