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57.03 - Carpets and other textile floor coverings, tufted, whether or not made up.

- 5703.10 - Of wool or fine animal hair
- 5703.20 - Of nylon or other polyamides
- 5703.30 - Of other man-made textile materials
- 5703.90 - Of other textile materials

This heading covers tufted carpets and other tufted textile floor coverings produced on tufting machines which, by means of a system of needles and hooks, insert textile yarn into a pre-existing backing (usually a woven fabric or a nonwoven) thus producing loops, or, if the needles and hooks are combined with a cutting device, tufts. The yarns forming the pile are then normally fixed by a coating of rubber or plastics. Usually before the coating is allowed to dry it is either covered by a secondary backing of loosely woven textile material, e.g., jute, or by foamed rubber.

The heading also covers tufted carpets and other tufted textile floor coverings made using a tufting gun or made by hand.

Products of this heading are distinguished from the tufted textile fabrics of heading 58.02 by, for example, their stiffness, thickness and strength, which render them suitable for use as floor coverings.