

Chapter 12

Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit; industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder

Notes.

- 1.- Heading 12.07 applies, *inter alia*, to palm nuts and kernels, cotton seeds, castor oil seeds, sesamum seeds, mustard seeds, safflower seeds, poppy seeds and shea nuts (karite nuts). It does not apply to products of heading 08.01 or 08.02 or to olives (Chapter 7 or Chapter 20).
- 2.- Heading 12.08 applies not only to non-defatted flours and meals but also to flours and meals which have been partially defatted or defatted and wholly or partially refatted with their original oils. It does not, however, apply to residues of headings 23.04 to 23.06.
- 3.- For the purposes of heading 12.09, beet seeds, grass and other herbage seeds, seeds of ornamental flowers, vegetable seeds, seeds of forest trees, seeds of fruit trees, seeds of vetches (other than those of the species *Vicia faba*) or of lupines are to be regarded as “seeds of a kind used for sowing”.

Heading 12.09 does not, however, apply to the following even if for sowing :

- (a) Leguminous vegetables or sweet corn (Chapter 7);
- (b) Spices or other products of Chapter 9;
- (c) Cereals (Chapter 10); or
- (d) Products of headings 12.01 to 12.07 or 12.11.

- 4.- Heading 12.11 applies, *inter alia*, to the following plants or parts thereof : basil, borage, ginseng, hyssop, liquorice, all species of mint, rosemary, rue, sage and wormwood.

Heading 12.11 does not, however, apply to :

- (a) Medicaments of Chapter 30;
- (b) Perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations of Chapter 33; or
- (c) Insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, disinfectants or similar products of heading 38.08.

- 5.- For the purposes of heading 12.12, the term “seaweeds and other algae” does not include :

- (a) Dead single-cell micro-organisms of heading 21.02;
- (b) Cultures of micro-organisms of heading 30.02; or
- (c) Fertilisers of heading 31.01 or 31.05.

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Subheading Note.

- 1.- For the purposes of subheading 1205.10, the expression “low erucic acid rape or colza seeds” means rape or colza seeds yielding a fixed oil which has an erucic acid content of less than 2% by weight and yielding a solid component which contains less than 30 micromoles of glucosinolates per gram.

GENERAL

Headings 12.01 to 12.07 cover seeds and fruits of a kind used for the extraction (by pressure or by solvents) of edible or industrial oils and fats, whether they are presented for that purpose, for sowing or for other purposes. These headings **do not**, however, **include** products of **heading 08.01 or 08.02**, olives (**Chapter 7 or 20**) or certain seeds and fruits from which oil may be extracted but which are primarily used for other purposes, e.g., apricot, peach or plum kernels (**heading 12.12**) and cocoa beans (**heading 18.01**).

The seeds and fruits covered by the heading may be whole, broken, crushed, husked or shelled. They may also have undergone heat treatment designed mainly to ensure better preservation (e.g., by inactivating the lipolytic enzymes and eliminating part of the moisture), for the purpose of de-bittering, for inactivating antinutritional factors or to facilitate their use. However, such treatment is permitted **only if** it does not alter the character of the seeds and fruits as natural products and does not make them suitable for a specific use rather than for general use.

The headings **exclude** solid residues resulting from the extraction of vegetable oil from oil seeds or oleaginous fruits (including defatted flours and meals) (**heading 23.04, 23.05 or 23.06**).