

## **15.11**

### **15.11 - Palm oil and its fractions, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified (+).**

1511.10 - Crude oil

1511.90 - Other

Palm oil is a vegetable fat obtained from the pulp of the fruits of oil palms. The main source is the African oil palm (*Elaeis guineensis*) which is native to tropical Africa but is also grown in Central America, Malaysia and Indonesia; other examples are *Elaeis melanococca* (also known as noli palm) and various species of *Acrocomia* palms, including the Paraguayan palm (coco mbocaya), originating in South America. The oils are obtained by extraction or pressing and may be of various colours depending on their condition and whether they have been refined. They are distinguishable from palm kernel oils (**heading 15.13**), which are obtained from the same oil palms by having a very high palmitic and oleic acid content.

Palm oil is used in the manufacture of soap, candles, cosmetic or toilet preparations, as a lubricant, for hot-dipped tin coating, in the production of palmitic acid, etc. Refined palm oil is used as a food stuff, e.g., as a frying fat, and in the manufacture of margarine.

This heading **does not cover** palm kernel oil or babassu oil (**heading 15.13**).

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#### **Subheading Explanatory Note.**

#### **Subheading 1511.10**

See the Explanatory Note to subheading 1507.10.