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19.02 - Pasta, whether or not cooked or stuffed (with meat or other substances) or otherwise prepared, such as spaghetti, macaroni, noodles, lasagne, gnocchi, ravioli, cannelloni; couscous, whether or not prepared.

- Uncooked pasta, not stuffed or otherwise prepared :

1902.11 - - Containing eggs

1902.19 - - Other

1902.20 - Stuffed pasta, whether or not cooked or otherwise prepared

1902.30 - Other pasta

1902.40 - Couscous

The pasta of this heading are unfermented products made from semolinas or flours of wheat, maize, rice, potatoes, etc.

These semolinas or flours (or intermixtures thereof) are first mixed with water and kneaded into a dough which may also incorporate other ingredients (e.g., very finely chopped vegetables, vegetable juice or purées, eggs, milk, gluten, diastases, vitamins, colouring matter, flavouring).

The doughs are then formed (e.g., by extrusion and cutting, by rolling and cutting, by pressing, by moulding or by agglomeration in rotating drums) into specific predetermined shapes (such as tubes, strips, filaments, cockleshells, beads, granules, stars, elbow-bends, letters). In this process a small quantity of oil is sometimes added. These forms often give rise to the names of the finished products (e.g., macaroni, tagliatelle, spaghetti, noodles).

The products are usually dried before marketing to facilitate transport, storage and conservation; in this dried form, they are brittle. The heading also covers undried (i.e., moist or fresh) and frozen products, for example, fresh gnocchi and frozen ravioli.

The pasta of this heading may be cooked, stuffed with meat, fish, cheese or other substances in any proportion or otherwise prepared (e.g., as prepared dishes containing other ingredients such as vegetables, sauce, meat). Cooking serves to soften the pasta without changing its basic original form.

Stuffed pasta may be fully closed (for example, ravioli), open at the ends (for example, cannelloni) or layered, such as lasagne.

The heading also covers couscous which is a heat-treated semolina. Couscous of this heading may be cooked or otherwise prepared (e.g., put up with meat, vegetables and other ingredients as the complete dish which bears the same name).

The heading **does not cover** :

- (a) Preparations, other than stuffed pasta, containing more than 20 % by weight of sausage, meat, meat offal, blood, fish or crustaceans, molluses or other aquatic invertebrates, or any combination thereof (**Chapter 16**).
- (b) Soups and broths and preparations therefor, containing pasta (**heading 21.04**).