

## **25.06**

**25.06 - Quartz (other than natural sands); quartzite, whether or not roughly trimmed or merely cut, by sawing or otherwise, into blocks or slabs of a rectangular (including square) shape.**

2506.10 - Quartz

2506.20 - Quartzite

**Quartz** is the naturally occurring crystal form of silica.

It falls in this heading **only** if complying with both of the following two conditions :

- (a) It must be in the crude state or have not undergone any process beyond that allowed in Note 1 to this Chapter; for this purpose, heat treatment designed solely to facilitate crushing is regarded as a process permitted by Chapter Note 1.
- (b) It must **not** be of a variety and quality suitable for the manufacture of gem-stones (e.g., rock crystal and smoky quartz, amethyst and rose quartz). Such quartz is **excluded (heading 71.03)**, even if intended to be used for technical purposes, e.g., as piezo-electric quartz or for the manufacture of parts of tools.

**Quartzite** is the name of very hard compact rock composed of grains of quartz agglomerated by a siliceous binder.

Quartzite falls in this heading when in the crude state or when it has not undergone any process beyond that allowed by Note 1 to this Chapter or when it has been roughly trimmed or merely cut, by sawing or otherwise, into blocks or slabs of a rectangular (including square) shape. It is to be noted, however, that quartzite in shapes identifiable as road or paving setts, flagstones or curbstones is **excluded (heading 68.01)**, even if merely shaped or processed as specified in the heading text.

The heading also **excludes** :

- (a) Natural quartz sand (**heading 25.05**).
- (b) Flint or other products of **heading 25.17**.
- (c) Optical elements of quartz (**heading 90.01**).