

72.17 - Wire of iron or non-alloy steel (+).

7217.10 - Not plated or coated, whether or not polished

7217.20 - Plated or coated with zinc

7217.30 - Plated or coated with other base metals

7217.90 - Other

Wire of this heading is defined in Note 1 (o) to this Chapter.

Wire is mostly produced from hot-rolled bars and rods of heading 72.13 by drawing them through a die but may also be obtained by any other cold-forming process (e.g., cold-rolling). Wire is presented in coils (with non-aligned spirals or with aligned spirals, with or without support).

Wire which has been worked (e.g., by crimping) remains in this heading, provided it does not thereby assume the character of articles or of products of other headings.

Wire covered with a material such as textile where the iron or steel core is the essential element and the other material serves solely as covering (e.g., iron and steel wire for the manufacture of hat frames (milliners' wire), and stems for artificial flowers or hair curlers) is also classified in this heading.

Wire is put to very many uses, e.g., manufacture of fencing, gauze, netting, nails, rope, pins, needles, tools and springs.

The heading **does not cover** :

- (a) Metallised yarn (**heading 56.05**), twine or cord reinforced with wire (**heading 56.07**).
- (b) Stranded wire, ropes, cables and the like of **heading 73.12**.
- (c) Barbed wire; twisted single flat wire (barbed or not) of a kind used for fencing (**heading 73.13**).
- (d) "Duplex" wire as used for making textile loom healds and formed by soldering together two wire strands after drawing, wire twisted into eyelets or loops at one or both ends for tying (**heading 73.26**).
- (e) Coated welding electrodes, etc. (**heading 83.11**).
- (f) Saw-toothed wire for use as card clothing (all-steel card clothing) (**heading 84.48**).
- (g) Insulated electric wire (including enamelled wire) (**heading 85.44**).
- (h) Musical instrument strings (**heading 92.09**).

**Subheading Explanatory Note.**

See the Explanatory Note to the subheadings of heading 72.10 in respect of products subjected to more than one type of coating, plating or cladding.
