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96.11 - Date, sealing or numbering stamps, and the like (including devices for printing or embossing labels), designed for operating in the hand; hand-operated composing sticks, and hand printing sets incorporating such composing sticks.

This heading covers date, sealing and similar stamps and composing sticks, **provided** they are of a type designed to be used independently in the hand. (Date, sealing and similar stamps incorporating a base for fixing on a table, desk, etc., or designed for operating on a stand are **excluded** - see the Explanatory Note to **heading 84.72**.)

These articles include :

- (1) **Seals for use with sealing wax**, with or without design and whether or not provided with handles.
- (2) **Stamps of all kinds**, with or without the printing band or self-inking device; for example, date stamps, multiformula stamps, docketing and ticketing stamps, numbering stamps (self-changing or not), roller stamps, pocket stamps (usually consisting of a stamp and ink-pad in a protective case).
- (3) **Composing or setting sticks for receiving interchangeable characters**. Some sticks may bear a permanent text or design (e.g., post office composing or setting sticks in which only the date is changed).
- (4) **Small hand printing sets (not being toys)** consisting of a box containing a hand-operated composing or setting stick, interchangeable characters, tweezers and an ink-pad.
- (5) **Hand-operated devices for stamping tickets** with a date or other characters, even if incorporating a punch.

The heading **does not cover** :

- (a) Plombing and sealing pliers, and animal marking pliers (**heading 82.03**).
- (b) Branding irons and marking punches (**heading 82.05**).
- (c) Unmounted letters, figures or other characters of a kind used in printing machines (**heading 84.42**). Other types of unmounted characters are classified according to the constituent material.
- (d) Hand-operated stamps incorporating a base plate for dry relief printing (**heading 84.72**).
- (e) Apparatus with clock movements for stamping a record of the time, e.g., of the receipt of a letter (**heading 91.06**).