

**48.01 - Newsprint, in rolls or sheets.**

The expression " newsprint " is defined in Note 4 to this Chapter.

In this definition the expression " wood fibres obtained by a mechanical or chemi-mechanical process " means fibres obtained by various pulp manufacturing techniques in which defibration is solely or principally achieved by the application of mechanical forces upon the raw material. These fibres are generally produced in the form of the following pulps :

- (1) **Mechanical pulps**, which include stone groundwood (SGW) and pressurised stone groundwood (PGW) pulps, as well as pulps produced in refiners, for example refiner mechanical pulp (RMP) and thermo-mechanical pulp (TMP).
- (2) **Chemi-mechanical pulps**, which are also produced in refiners but have been treated with **small amounts** of chemicals. They include chemi-thermomechanical pulp (CTMP), chemi-refiner mechanical pulp (CRMP) and thermo chemi-mechanical pulp (TCMP), but **do not** include semi-chemical pulps generally known as neutral sulphite semi-chemical (NSSC), bisulphite semi-chemical or kraft semi-chemical pulps.

For a more detailed description of the methods of production of these pulps see the Explanatory Notes to headings 47.01 and 47.05.

The expression " wood fibres " in this definition **does not cover** bamboo fibres.

In accordance with Note 8 to this Chapter, this heading applies only to newsprint in strips or rolls of a width exceeding 36 cm, or in rectangular (including square) sheets with one side exceeding 36 cm and the other side exceeding 15 cm in the unfolded state.

The newsprint of this heading may be subjected to processes mentioned in Note 3 to this Chapter. Newsprint otherwise processed is, however, **excluded**.