

96.09

96.09 - Pencils (other than pencils of heading 96.08), crayons, pencil leads, pastels, drawing charcoals, writing or drawing chalks and tailors' chalks.

9609.10 - Pencils and crayons, with leads encased in a rigid sheath

9609.20 - Pencil leads, black or coloured

9609.90 - Other

The articles of this heading are of two types :

- (A) Those without any covering or simply covered with a protective band of paper (e.g., chalks, drawing charcoals, pencil leads, certain crayons, pastels, and slate pencils).
- (B) Pencils and crayons, with leads encased in wood or plastics or in some cases in a sheath composed of layers of paper.

The composition of pencil leads, chalks, pastels and crayons, etc., varies according to their intended use.

The heading includes :

- (1) **Slate pencils** of natural or agglomerated slate.
- (2) **Natural chalks in the form of sticks** (obtained by sawing or cutting).
- (3) **Prepared chalks**, usually made with a basis of calcium sulphate or of calcium sulphate and calcium carbonate, sometimes mixed with colouring matter.
- (4) **Drawing charcoals**, obtained usually by calcining spindle-tree wood.
- (5) **Crayons and pastels**, usually made of a mixture of chalk or clay, colouring matter, shellac or wax, spirit and turpentine.
- (6) **Pencils and crayons**, with leads encased in a rigid sheath.
- (7) **Pencil leads** (e.g., black leads, composed of a mixture of graphite and clay; coloured leads, consisting of metallic oxides or other mineral pigments combined with clay, chalk or wax; indelible or copying leads, composed of clay tinted with a dye, such as aniline or fuchsine).
- (8) **Litho-crayons**, with a basis of lamp black, wax, soap and tallow.
- (9) **"Ceramic" crayons**, with a basis of vitrifiable colours, fats, cocoa butter, wax, etc.

The heading includes pencils incorporating erasers or other fittings.

It also covers **tailors' chalks** (which are composed of steatite).

The heading **does not cover** :

- (a) Chalk in the crude state (**heading 25.09**).
- (b) Medicinal pencils (e.g., anti-migraine) (**heading 30.04**).
- (c) Pencils for cosmetic or toilet uses (e.g., eyebrow pencils, styptic pencils) (**heading 33.04 or 33.07**).
- (d) Billiard chalks (**heading 95.04**).