

## 68.15

### 68.15 - Articles of stone or of other mineral substances (including carbon fibres, articles of carbon fibres and articles of peat), not elsewhere specified or included.

6815.10 - Non-electrical articles of graphite or other carbon

6815.20 - Articles of peat

- Other articles :

6815.91 - - Containing magnesite, dolomite or chromite

6815.99 - - Other

This heading covers articles of stone or of other mineral substances, **not covered** by the earlier headings of this Chapter and **not included** elsewhere in the Nomenclature; it therefore **excludes**, for example, ceramic products of **Chapter 69**.

The heading covers, *inter alia* :

- (1) Non-electrical articles of natural or artificial graphite (including nuclear grade), or other carbons for example : filters; discs; bearings; tubes and sheaths; worked bricks and tiles; moulds for the manufacture of small articles of delicate design (e.g., coins, medals, lead soldiers for collections).
- (2) Carbon fibres and articles of carbon fibres. Carbon fibres are commonly produced by carbonising organic polymers in filamentary forms. The products are used, for example, for reinforcement.
- (3) Articles made of peat (for example, sheets, cylinder shells, pots for raising plants). Textile articles of peat fibre are, however, **excluded** (**Section XI**).
- (4) **Unfired** bricks made of dolomite agglomerated with tar.
- (5) Bricks and other shapes (in particular magnesite or chrome-magnesite products), chemically bonded **but not yet fired**. These articles are fired during the first heating of the furnace in which they are installed. Similar products presented after firing are **excluded** (**heading 69.02 or 69.03**).
- (6) **Unfired** silica or alumina vats (e.g., as used for melting glass).
- (7) Touchstones for testing precious metal; these may be of natural stone (e.g., lydite, a hard, fine-grained dark stone resistant to acids).
- (8) Paving blocks and slabs obtained by moulding fused slag without a binder, but **excluding** those having the character of heat-insulating goods of **heading 68.06**.
- (9) Filter tubes of finely crushed and agglomerated quartz or flint.
- (10) Blocks, slabs, sheets and other articles of fused basalt; these are used, because of their great resistance to wear, as linings for pipes, belt-conveyors, chutes for coke, coal, ores, gravel, stone, etc.

The heading also **excludes** :

- (a) Blocks, plates and similar semi-manufactures of artificial graphite or of "other carbon", mainly used for cutting into electrical brushes (**heading 38.01**) (see corresponding Explanatory Note).
  - (b) Refractory goods, fired as ceramics, with a basis of carbonaceous substances (graphite, coke, etc.) and coal tar pitch or clay (**heading 69.02** or **69.03**, as the case may be).
  - (c) Carbons, brushes, electrodes and other parts or articles for electrical uses (**heading 85.45**).
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