

25.05 - Natural sands of all kinds, whether or not coloured, other than metal-bearing sands of chapter 26.

2505.10 - Silica sands and quartz sands

2505.90 - Other

With the **exception** of metal-bearing sands from which metals are commercially extractable (**Chapter 26**), this heading covers all natural sea, lake, river or quarry sand (i.e., sand in the form of more or less fine particles resulting from the natural disintegration of minerals), but **excludes** sands and powders obtained artificially, for example, by crushing (classified in **heading 25.17** or in the heading for the rock concerned).

The heading covers, *inter alia* :

- (1) Silica sands and quartz sands, used in building, in the glass industry, for cleaning metals, etc.
- (2) Clayey sands including kaolinic sands, used mainly for preparing foundry moulds and refractory products.
- (3) Feldspathic sands, used in the ceramic industry.

Natural sands remain in this heading when they have been heat treated merely to remove impurities.

On the other hand, this heading **does not include** gold-bearing or platinum-bearing sands, zircon sands, rutile sands and ilmenite sands, nor monazite sands (monazites) which are classified as thorium ores; all these fall in **Chapter 26**. Nor **does** the heading cover tar sands or “asphaltic sands” (**heading 27.14**).