

32.12 - Pigments (including metallic powders and flakes) dispersed in non-aqueous media, in liquid or paste form, of a kind used in the manufacture of paints (including enamels); stamping foils; dyes and other colouring matter put up in forms or packings for retail sale.

3212.10 - Stamping foils

3212.90 - Other

**(A) PIGMENTS (INCLUDING METALLIC POWDERS AND FLAKES)
DISPERSED IN NON-AQUEOUS MEDIA, IN LIQUID OR PASTE FORM
OF A KIND USED IN THE MANUFACTURE
OF PAINTS (INCLUDING ENAMELS)**

These are concentrated dispersions of pigments (including aluminium or other metal powders and flakes) in a non-aqueous medium (e.g., drying oils, white spirit, gum, wood or sulphate turpentine or varnish), in liquid or paste form, of a kind used in the manufacture of paints or enamels.

This group also includes concentrated dispersions, sometimes called “ pearl essence ”, of :

- (a) natural nacreous (pearl) pigment containing guanine and hypoxanthine and obtained from the scales of certain fish, or
- (b) a synthetic nacreous (pearl) pigment (e.g., mica coated with bismuth chloride oxide or titanium dioxide),

in a varnish or lacquer (e.g., nitrocellulose lacquer) or in a solution of synthetic polymers.

These products are used in the manufacture of imitation pearls, nail enamels or other paints and enamels.

(B) STAMPING FOILS

These products (also known as blocking foils) consist of thin sheets of either :

- (1) Metallic powder (including powder of precious metal), or pigment, agglomerated with glue, gelatin or other binder, or
- (2) Metal (including precious metal) or pigment, deposited by vaporisation, cathodic sputtering, etc., on a supporting sheet of any material (e.g., paper, plastics).

They are used, with the application of pressure (and generally of heat), for printing book covers, hat bands, etc., by hand or machine.

Metallic foils produced by rolling or hammering are classified according to the constituent metal (e.g., gold foil in **heading 71.08**, copper foil in **heading 74.10**, aluminium foil in **heading 76.07**).

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(C) DYES AND OTHER COLOURING MATTER PUT UP IN FORMS OR PACKINGS FOR RETAIL SALE

These are non-film forming products which normally consist of mixtures of colouring matter with other substances (e.g., inert diluents, surface-active products which encourage the penetration and fixation of the colouring matter). Mordants are also sometimes added.

They fall here **only** if :

- (1) In packings for retail sale (e.g., sachets of powder, bottles of liquid) put up for use as dyes, or
- (2) In forms (e.g., balls, tablets or the like) clearly designed for retail sale.

The dyes covered by this heading are mainly those used for domestic purposes and usually sold as “household dyes” (e.g., dyes for clothes, for shoes, for furniture). The heading also includes special dyes used in laboratories, e.g., to colour microscopic preparations.

The heading **does not cover** :

- (a) Artists', students' or signboard painters' colours, modifying tints, amusement colours and the like, in tablets, tubes, jars, bottles, pans or in similar forms or packings (**heading 32.13**).
- (b) Printing inks (**heading 32.15**).
- (c) Theatrical grease paints and other make-up (**heading 33.04**).
- (d) The hair “dyes” of **heading 33.05**.
- (e) Coloured crayons and pastels (**heading 96.09**).