

## **49.08**

### **49.08 - Transfers (decalcomanias).**

4908.10 - Transfers (decalcomanias), vitrifiable

4908.90 - Other

Transfers (decalcomanias) consist of pictures, designs or lettering in single or multiple colours, lithographed or otherwise printed on absorbent, lightweight paper (or sometimes thin transparent sheeting of plastics), coated with a preparation, such as of starch and gum, to receive the imprint which is itself coated with an adhesive. This paper is often backed with a supporting paper of heavier quality. The designs are sometimes printed against a background of metal leaf.

When the printed paper is moistened and applied with slight pressure to a permanent surface (e.g., glass, pottery, wood, metal, stone or paper), the coating printed with the picture, etc., is transferred to the permanent surface.

This heading also covers vitrifiable transfers, i.e. transfers printed with vitrifiable preparations of heading 32.07.

Transfers may be used for decoration or utility purposes, e.g., for decorating pottery or glass, or for marking various articles such as vehicles, machines and instruments.

Transfers produced and supplied mainly for the amusement of children are also covered by this heading, as are also articles such as embroidery or hosier transfers which consist of papers on which designs are outlined in pigment which is transferred, usually to a textile surface, by pressure with a heated smoothing iron.

The articles described above should not be confused with the products known as window transparencies, which fall in **heading 48.14** or **49.11** (see the Explanatory Note to the former heading).

The heading also **excludes** transfer paper of the types known as stamping foils or blocking foils, prepared with a coating of metal, metal powder or pigment, and used for printing book covers, hat bands, etc. (**heading 32.12**). Other transfer papers, as used in lithographic work, fall in **heading 48.09** or **48.16** as appropriate.