

## 73.12

### 73.12 - Stranded wire, ropes, cables, plaited bands, slings and the like, of iron or steel, not electrically insulated.

#### 7312.10 - Stranded wire, ropes and cables

#### 7312.90 - Other

The heading covers stranded wire (or wire strand) obtained by closely twisting together two or more single wires, and cables and ropes of all sizes which are in turn formed by twisting such strands together. **Provided** they remain essentially articles of iron or steel wire, ropes and cables may be laid on textile cores (hemp, jute, etc.) or covered with textiles, plastics, etc.

Ropes and cables are generally round in cross-section, but the heading also includes bands, usually of rectangular (including square) section, formed by plaiting single or stranded wires.

The heading includes such ropes, cables, bands, etc., whether or not they are cut to length, or fitted with hooks, spring hooks, swivels, rings, thimbles, clips, sockets, etc. (**provided** that they do not thereby assume the character of articles of other headings), or made up into single or multiple slings, strops, etc.

These goods are used for hoisting (with cranes, winches, pulleys, lifts, etc.) in mining, quarrying, shipping, etc.; for hauling or towing; as hawsers; as transmission belting; as rigging or guying for masts, pylons, etc.; as fencing strand; as stone sawing strand (usually three-ply stranded wire of special steel), etc.

The heading **does not include** :

- (a) Barbed wire, and loosely twisted, non-barbed, double fencing wire ("torsades") (**heading 73.13**).
- (b) Insulated electric cable (**heading 85.44**).
- (c) Brake cables, accelerator cables and similar cables suitable for use in vehicles of **Chapter 87**.