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Section Notes.

- 1.-Goods put up in sets consisting of two or more separate constituents, some or all of which fall in this Section and are intended to be mixed together to obtain a product of Section VI or VII, are to be classified in the heading appropriate to that product, provided that the constituents are :
 - (a) having regard to the manner in which they are put up, clearly identifiable as being intended to be used together without first being repacked;
 - (b) presented together; and
 - (c) identifiable, whether by their nature or by the relative proportions in which they are present, as being complementary one to another.
- 2.-Except for the goods of heading 39.18 or 39.19, plastics, rubber, and articles thereof, printed with motifs, characters or pictorial representations, which are not merely incidental to the primary use of the goods, fall in Chapter 49.

CHAPTER 39
PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF

Notes.

1.-Throughout the Nomenclature the expression " plastics " means those materials of headings 39.01 to 39.14 which are or have been capable, either at the moment of polymerisation or at some subsequent stage, of being formed under external influence (usually heat and pressure, if necessary with a solvent or plasticiser) by moulding, casting, extruding, rolling or other process into shapes which are retained on the removal of the external influence.

Throughout the Nomenclature any reference to " plastics " also includes vulcanised fibre. The expression, however, does not apply to materials regarded as textile materials of Section XI.

2.-This Chapter does not cover :

- (a) Waxes of heading 27.12 or 34.04;
- (b) Separate chemically defined organic compounds (Chapter 29);
- (c) Heparin or its salts (heading 30.01);
- (d) Solutions (other than collodions) consisting of any of the products specified in headings 39.01 to 39.13 in volatile organic solvents when the weight of the solvent exceeds 50 % of the weight of the solution (heading 32.08); stamping foils of heading 32.12;
- (e) Organic surface-active agents or preparations of heading 34.02;
- (f) Run gums or ester gums (heading 38.06);
- (g) Diagnostic or laboratory reagents on a backing of plastics (heading 38.22);
- (h) Synthetic rubber, as defined for the purposes of Chapter 40, or articles thereof;
- (ij) Saddlery or harness (heading 42.01) or trunks, suitcases, handbags or other containers of heading 42.02;
- (k) Plaits, wickerwork or other articles of Chapter 46;
- (l) Wall coverings of heading 48.14;

- (m) Goods of Section XI (textiles and textile articles);
- (n) Articles of Section XII (for example, footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, whips, riding-crops or parts thereof);
- (o) Imitation jewellery of heading 71.17;
- (p) Articles of Section XVI (machines and mechanical or electrical appliances);
- (q) Parts of aircraft or vehicles of Section XVII;
- (r) Articles of Chapter 90 (for example, optical elements, spectacle frames, drawing instruments);
- (s) Articles of Chapter 91 (for example, clock or watch cases);
- (t) Articles of Chapter 92 (for example, musical instruments or parts thereof);
- (u) Articles of Chapter 94 (for example, furniture, lamps and lighting fittings, illuminated signs, prefabricated buildings);
- (v) Articles of Chapter 95 (for example, toys, games, sports requisites); or
- (w) Articles of Chapter 96 (for example, brushes, buttons, slide fasteners, combs, mouthpieces or stems for smoking pipes, cigarette-holders or the like, parts of vacuum flasks or the like, pens, propelling pencils).

3.-Headings 39.01 to 39.11 apply only to goods of a kind produced by chemical synthesis, falling in the following categories :

- (a) Liquid synthetic polyolefins of which less than 60 % by volume distils at 300 °C, after conversion to 1,013 milibars when a reduced-pressure distillation method is used (headings 39.01 and 39.02);
- (b) Resins, not highly polymerised, of the coumarone-indene type (heading 39.11);
- (c) Other synthetic polymers with an average of at least 5 monomer units;
- (d) Silicones (heading 39.10);
- (e) Resols (heading 39.09) and other prepolymers.

4.-The expression " copolymers " covers all polymers in which no single monomer unit contributes 95 % or more by weight to the total polymer content.

For the purposes of this Chapter, except where the context otherwise requires, copolymers (including co-polycondensates, co-polyaddition products, block copolymers and graft copolymers) and polymer blends are to be classified in the heading covering polymers of that comonomer unit which predominates by weight over every other single comonomer unit. For the purposes of this Note, constituent comonomer units of polymers falling in the same heading shall be taken together.

If no single comonomer unit predominates, copolymers or polymer blends, as the case may be, are to be classified in the heading which occurs last in numerical order among those which equally merit consideration.

5.-Chemically modified polymers, that is those in which only appendages to the main polymer chain have been changed by chemical reaction, are to be classified in the heading appropriate to the unmodified polymer. This provision does not apply to graft copolymers.

6.-In headings 39.01 to 39.14, the expression " primary forms " applies only to the following forms :

- (a) Liquids and pastes, including dispersions (emulsions and suspensions) and solutions;
- (b) Blocks of irregular shape, lumps, powders (including moulding powders), granules, flakes and similar bulk forms.

7.-Heading 39.15 does not apply to waste, parings and scrap of a single thermoplastic material, transformed into primary forms (headings 39.01 to 39.14).

8.-For the purposes of heading 39.17, the expression " tubes, pipes and hoses " means hollow products, whether semi-manufactures or finished products, of a kind generally used for conveying, conducting or distributing gases or liquids (for example, ribbed garden hose, perforated tubes). This expression also includes sausage casings and other lay-flat tubing. However, except for the last-mentioned, those having an internal cross-section other than round, oval, rectangular (in which the length does not exceed 1.5 times the width) or in the shape of a regular polygon are not to be regarded as tubes, pipes and hoses but as profile shapes.

9.-For the purposes of heading 39.18, the expression " wall or ceiling coverings of plastics " applies to products in rolls, of a width not less than 45 cm, suitable for wall or ceiling decoration, consisting of plastics fixed permanently on a backing of any material other than paper, the layer of plastics (on the face side) being grained, embossed, coloured, design-printed or otherwise decorated.

10.-In headings 39.20 and 39.21, the expression " plates, sheets, film, foil and strip " applies only to plates, sheets, film, foil and strip (other than those of Chapter 54) and to blocks of regular geometric shape, whether or not printed or otherwise surface-worked, uncut or cut into rectangles (including squares) but not further worked (even if when so cut they become articles ready for use).

11.-Heading 39.25 applies only to the following articles, not being products covered by any of the earlier headings of sub-Chapter II :

- (a) Reservoirs, tanks (including septic tanks), vats and similar containers, of a capacity exceeding 300 l;
- (b) Structural elements used, for example, in floors, walls or partitions, ceilings or roofs;
- (c) Gutters and fittings thereof;
- (d) Doors, windows and their frames and thresholds for doors;
- (e) Balconies, balustrades, fencing, gates and similar barriers;
- (f) Shutters, blinds (including Venetian blinds) and similar articles and parts and fittings thereof;
- (g) Large-scale shelving for assembly and permanent installation, for example, in shops, workshops, warehouses;
- (h) Ornamental architectural features, for example, flutings, cupolas, dovecotes; and
- (ij)Fittings and mountings intended for permanent installation in or on doors, windows, staircases, walls or other parts of buildings, for example, knobs, handles, hooks, brackets, towel rails, switch-plates and other protective plates.

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Subheading Notes.

1.-Within any one heading of this Chapter, polymers (including copolymers) and chemically modified polymers are to be classified according to the following provisions :

- (a) Where there is a subheading named " Other " in the same series :
 - (1) The designation in a subheading of a polymer by the prefix " poly " (e.g., polyethylene and polyamide-6,6) means that the constituent monomer unit or monomer units of the named polymer taken together must contribute 95 % or more by weight of the total polymer content.
 - (2) The copolymers named in subheadings 3901.30, 3903.20, 3903.30 and 3904.30 are to be classified in those subheadings, provided that the comonomer units of the named copolymers contribute 95 % or more by weight of the total polymer content.

(3) Chemically modified polymers are to be classified in the subheading named " Other ", provided that the chemically modified polymers are not more specifically covered by another subheading.

(4) Polymers not meeting (1), (2) or (3) above, are to be classified in the subheading, among the remaining subheadings in the series, covering polymers of that monomer unit which predominates by weight over every other single comonomer unit. For this purpose, constituent monomer units of polymers falling in the same subheading shall be taken together. Only the constituent comonomer units of the polymers in the series of subheadings under consideration are to be compared.

(b) Where there is no subheading named " Other " in the same series :

(1) Polymers are to be classified in the subheading covering polymers of that monomer unit which predominates by weight over every other single comonomer unit. For this purpose, constituent monomer units of polymers falling in the same subheading shall be taken together. Only the constituent comonomer units of the polymers in the series under consideration are to be compared.

(2) Chemically modified polymers are to be classified in the subheading appropriate to the unmodified polymer.

Polymer blends are to be classified in the same subheading as polymers of the same monomer units in the same proportions.

2.-For the purposes of subheading 3920.43, the term "plasticisers" includes secondary plasticisers.

HEADING/ H.S.CODE	DESCRIPTION	SU	NG DUTY RATE
39.01	Polymers of ethylene, in primary forms		
3901.1000.00	.94, in primary forms		5
3901.2000.00	.94, in primary forms		5
3901.3000.00	-vinyl acetate copolymers, in primary forms		5
3901.9000.00	Other polymers of ethylene, in primary forms, nes		5
39.02	Polymers of propylene or of other olefins, in primary forms		
3902.1000.00	Polypropylene, in primary forms		5
3902.2000.00	Polyisobutylene, in primary forms		5
3902.3000.00	Propylene copolymers, in primary forms		5
3902.9000.00	Other polymers of propylene or other olefins, in primary forms, nes		5
39.03	Polymers of styrene, in primary forms		
3903.1100.00	Expansible polystyrene, in primary forms		5
3903.1900.00	. expansible) in primary forms		10
3903.2000.00	-acrylonitrile (SAN) copolymers, in primary forms		5
3903.3000.00	-butadiene-styrene (abs) copolymers, in primary forms		5
3903.9000.00	Other polymers of styrene, in primary forms, nes		5
39.04	Polymers of vinyl chloride and halogenated olefins, in primary forms		
3904.1000.00	Polyvinyl chloride, not mixed with other substances, in primary forms		5
3904.2100.00	-plasticised polyvinyl chloride mixed, in primary forms		5
3904.2200.00	Plasticised polyvinyl chloride mixed, in primary forms		5
3904.3000.00	-vinyl acetate copolymers, in primary forms		5
3904.4000.00	. acetate), in primary forms		5
3904.5000.00	Vinylidene chloride polymers, in primary forms		5
3904.6100.00	Polytetrafluoroethylene, in primary forms		5

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39.04	Polymers of vinyl chloride and halogenated olefins, in primary forms		
3904.6900.00	-polymers (excl. polytetrafluoroethylene) in primary forms		5
3904.9000.00	Other polymers of halogenated olefins in primary forms, nes		5
39.05	Polymers of vinyl esters; other vinyl polymers, in primary forms		
3905.1200.00	Polyvinyl acetate in aqueous dispersion		10
3905.1900.00	Other polyvinyl acetate copolymers, not in aqueous dispersions in primary forms		10
3905.2100.00	Vinyl acetate copolymers in aqueous dispersion		10
3905.2900.00	Other vinyl acetate copolymers not in queous dispersion, in primary forms		10
3905.3000.00	Polyvinyl alcohol, whether or not containing unhydrolysed acetate groups		10
3905.9100.00	Copolymers		10
3905.9900.00	Other polymers of other vinyl esters and other vinyl polymers in primary forms, nes		10
39.06	Acrylic polymers in primary forms		
3906.1000.00	Poly(methyl methacrylate)		10
3906.9000.00	Other Acrylic Polymers prepared in primary forms, nes		10
39.07	Polyethers and epoxide resins; polyesters, in primary forms		
3907.1000.00	Polyacetals, in primary forms		5
3907.2000.00	Other polyethers, in primary forms, nes		5
3907.3000.00	Epoxide resins, in primary forms		5
3907.4000.00	Polycarbonates, in primary forms		5
3907.5000.00	Alkyd resins, in primary forms		5
3907.6000.00	Poly (ethylene terephthalate)		5
3907.7000.00	Poly (lactic acid)		5
3907.9100.00	Unsaturated polyesters		5
3907.9900.00	Other, polyesters		5
39.08	Polyamides in primary forms		
3908.1000.00	-6, -11, -12, -6,6, -6,9, -6,10 or -6,12, in primary forms		5
3908.9000.00	Other polyamides, in primary forms, nes		5
39.09	Amino-resins, phenolic resins and polyurethanes, in primary forms		
3909.1000.00	Urea resins; thiourea resins, in primary forms		5
3909.2000.00	Melamine resins, in primary forms		5
3909.3000.00	Other amino resins, in primary forms, nes		5
3909.4000.00	Phenolic resins, in primary forms		5
3909.5000.00	Polyurethanes, in primary forms		5
39.10	Silicones in primary forms		
3910.0000.00	Silicones in primary forms		5
39.11	Petroleum resins..., polysulphides..., etc, in primary forms		
3911.1000.00	-indene resins and polyterpenes		5
3911.9000.00	Other polysulphides, polysulphones and other products in primary forms		5
39.12	Cellulose and its chemical derivatives, nes, in primary forms		
3912.1100.00	-plasticised cellulose acetates, in primary forms		5
3912.1200.00	Plasticised cellulose acetates, in primary forms		5

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39.12	Cellulose and its chemical derivatives, nes, in primary forms		
3912.2000.00	. collodions), in primary forms		5
3912.3100.00	Carboxymethylcellulose and its salts, in primary forms		5
3912.3900.00	Other cellulose ethers, in primary forms, nes		5
3912.9000.00	Other cellulose and its chemical derivatives in primary forms, nes		5
39.13	Natural polymers and modified natural polymers, in primary forms, nes		
3913.1000.00	Alginic acid, its salts and esters, in primary forms		5
3913.9000.00	Other natural and modified natural polymers in primary forms		5
39.14	Ion-exchangers based on polymers of 39.01 to 39.13, in primary forms		
3914.0000.00	-exchangers based on polymers of 39.01 to 39.13, in primary forms		5
39.15	Waste, parings and scrap, of plastics		
3915.1000.00	Waste, parings and scrap, of polymers of ethylene		5
3915.2000.00	Waste, parings and scrap, of polymers of styrene		5
3915.3000.00	Waste, parings and scrap, of polymers of vinyl chloride		5
3915.9000.00	Waste, parings and scrap, of other plastics, nes		5
39.16	Monofilament >1mm, rods, sticks and profile shapes, of plastics		
3916.1000.00	..., etc of polymers of ethylene		5
3916.2000.00	..., etc, of polymers of vinyl chloride		5
3916.9000.00	... and profile shapes, of other plastics, nes		5
39.17	Tubes, pipes and hoses, and fittings therefor, of plastics		
3917.1000.00	Artificial guts of hardened proteins or cellulosic materials		10
3917.2110.00	Tubes, pipes & hoses, rigid: of polymers of ethylene; for water supply		20
3917.2190.00	Other tubes,pipes & hoses: of polymers of ethylene		20
3917.2210.00	Tubes, pipes & hoses, rigid: of polymers of propylene; for water supply		20
3917.2290.00	Other Tubes, pipes & hoses, rigid: of polymers of propylene		20
3917.2310.00	Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid: of polymers of vinyl chloride, for water supply		20
3917.2390.00	Other tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid : of polymers of vynil chloride		20
3917.2910.00	Tubes, pipes & hoses, rigid: of other plastics for water supply		20
3917.2990.00	Other tubes, pipes & hoses, rigid: of other plastics		20
3917.3100.00	.6mpa		20
3917.3200.00	Tubes, pipes and hoses, not reinforced, without fittings, nes		20
3917.3300.00	Tubes, pipes and hoses, not reinforced, with fittings attached, nes		20
3917.3900.00	Other tubes, pipes and hoses, nes		20
3917.4010.00	Fittings for Water supply		20
3917.4090.00	Other fittings		20
39.18	Floor, wall or ceiling coverings of plastics, in rolls or tiles		
3918.1000.00	... coverings of polymers of vinyl chloride, in rolls or tiles		20
3918.9000.99	Floor coverings of other plastics		20
39.19	Self-adhesive plates, foil, tape, strip... of plastics		
3919.1000.00	-adhesive tape, plates, strip..., in rolls, width =<20cm		10
3919.9000.00	.		10

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39.20	Other plates..., of plastics, not reinforced, etc		
3920.1000.00	.of polymers of ethylene		10
3920.2000.21	Other plates, sheets of polymers of proplene: Printed flexible packaging materials		20
3920.2000.29	Other plates of polymers of proplene		10
3920.3000.00	Other plates, sheets of polymers of styrene		10
3920.4300.42	Other plates, sheets of PVC of not less than 6% plastic: Printed flexible materials		20
3920.4300.43	Other plates, sheets of PVC of not less than 6% plastic		10
3920.4900.44	Other plates, sheets Printed flexible materials		20
3920.4900.49	Other plates, sheets not printed		10
3920.5100.52	Other plates, sheets of acylic polymers: Printed flexible materials		20
3920.5100.53	Other plates, sheets of acylic polymers: not printed		10
3920.5900.54	...Printed flexible materials		20
3920.5900.59	Other plates, sheets		10
3920.6100.00	Other plates, sheets of polycarbonates		10
3920.6200.00	Other plates, sheets of poly (ethylene terephthalate)		10
3920.6300.00	Other plates, sheets of unsaturated polyesters		10
3920.6900.00	Other plates, sheets of other polyesters		10
3920.7100.00	Other plates, sheets of regenerated cellulose		10
3920.7300.00	Other plates, sheets of cellulose acetate		10
3920.7900.00	Other plates, sheets of other cellulose derivatives		10
3920.9100.00	Other plates, sheets of other plastics of poly (vinyl butyral)		10
3920.9200.00	Other plates, sheets of other plastics of polyamides		10
3920.9300.00	- resins		10
3920.9400.00	Other plates, sheets of other plastics of phenolic resins		10
3920.9900.00	Other plates, sheets of other plastics		10
39.21	Other plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of plastics		
3921.1100.00	-cellular: of polymers of styrene		10
3921.1200.00	- cellular: of polymers of vinyl chloride		10
3921.1300.00	-cellular: of polyurethanes		10
3921.1400.00	-cellular: of regenerated cellulose		10
3921.1900.00	-cellular: of other plastics		10
3921.9000.91	.other printed flexible materials		20
3921.9000.99	Other plates, sheets		10
39.22	Baths, shower-baths... and similar sanitary ware, of plastics		
3922.1000.00	-baths and wash-basins, of plastics		20
3922.2000.00	Lavatory seats and covers of plastics		20
3922.9000.00	.. and other sanitary ware of plastics, nes		20
39.23	Articles for the of goods, of plastics; stopers, etc, of plastics		
3923.1000.00	Boxes, cases, crates and similar articles of plastics		20
3923.2100.00	. cones) of polymers of ethylene		35
3923.2900.00	. cones) of other plastics (excl. ethylene)		35
3923.3000.00	Carboys, bottles, flasks and similar articles of plastics		20

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39.23	Articles for the of goods, of plastics; stopers, etc, of plastics		
3923.4000.41	Spools, cops, Video or audio cassettes without the magnetic tape		10
3923.4000.49	Other Video or audio cassettes		5
3923.5000.00	Stoppers, lids, caps and other closures		20
3923.9000.00	Other stoppers, lids and caps		20
39.24	Tableware, kitchenware... and toilet articles, of plastics		
3924.1000.00	Tableware and kitchenware of plastics		20
3924.9010.00	Wash basins and buckets of plastics		20
3924.9020.00	Baby feeding bottles of plastics		20
3924.9090.00	. Of plastics		20
39.25	Builders' ware of plastics, nes		
3925.1000.00	... and similar containers, capacity >300 litres of plastics		20
3925.2000.00	Doors, windows and their frames and thresholds for doors, of plastics		20
3925.3000.00	Shutters, blinds and similar articles and parts, of plastics		20
3925.9000.00	Other builders' ware of plastics, nes		20
39.26	Other articles of plastics, nes		
3926.1000.00	Office or school supplies of plastics		20
3926.2000.00	. gloves, mittens & mitts)		10
3926.3000.00	Fittings for furniture, coachwork or the like of plastics		20
3926.4000.00	Statuettes and other ornamental articles of plastics		20
3926.9010.00	Floats for fishing nets		5
3926.9090.91	Toothpicks		20
3926.9090.92	Sheath contraceptives		0
3926.9090.99	Other article of plastics		20