Chapter 28

Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds
of precious metals, of rare-earth metals,
of radioactive elements or of isotopes

Notes.
1.- Except where the context otherwise requires, the headings of this Chapter apply only to:

(a) Separate chemical elements and separate chemically defined compounds, whether or not containing impurities;
(b) The products mentioned in (a) above dissolved in water;
(c) The products mentioned in (a) above dissolved in other solvents provided that the solution constitutes a normal and necessary method of putting up these products adopted solely for reasons of safety or for transport and that the solvent does not render the product particularly suitable for specific use rather than for general use;
(d) The products mentioned in (a), (b) or (c) above with an added stabiliser (including an anti-caking agent) necessary for their preservation or transport;
(e) The products mentioned in (a), (b), (c) or (d) above with an added anti-dusting agent or a colouring substance added to facilitate their identification or for safety reasons, provided that the additions do not render the product particularly suitable for specific use rather than for general use.

2.- In addition to dithionites and sulphoxylates, stabilised with organic substances (heading 28.31), carbonates and peroxocarbonates of inorganic bases (heading 28.36), cyanides, cyanide oxides and complex cyanides of inorganic bases (heading 28.37), fulminates, cyanates and thiocyanates, of inorganic bases (heading 28.38), organic products included in headings 28.43 to 28.46 and carbides (heading 28.49), only the following compounds of carbon are to be classified in this Chapter:

(a) Oxides of carbon, hydrogen cyanide and fulminic, isocyanic, thiocyanic and other simple or complex cyanogen acids (heading 28.11);
(b) Halide oxides of carbon (heading 28.12);
(c) Carbon disulphide (heading 28.13);
(d) Thiocarbonates, selenocarbonates, tellurocarbonates, selenocyanates, tellurocyanates, tetrathiocyanatodiamminochromates (reineckates) and other complex cyanates, of inorganic bases (heading 28.42);
(e) Hydrogen peroxide, solidified with urea (heading 28.47), carbon oxysulphide, thiocarbonyl halides, cyanogen, cyanogen halides and cyanamide and its metal derivatives (heading 28.51) other than calcium cyanamide, whether or not pure (Chapter 31).

3.- Subject to the provisions of Note 1 to Section VI, this Chapter does not cover:

(a) Sodium chloride or magnesium oxide, whether or not pure, or other products of Section V;
(b) Organo-inorganic compounds other than those mentioned in Note 2 above;
(c) Products mentioned in Note 2, 3, 4 or 5 to Chapter 31;
(d) Inorganic products of a kind used as luminophores, of heading 32.06; glass frit and other glass in the form of powder, granules or flakes, of heading 32.07;
(e) Artificial graphite (heading 38.01); products put up as charges for fire-extinguishers or put up in fire-extinguishing grenades, of heading 38.13; ink removers put up in packings for retail sale, of heading 38.24; cultured crystals (other than optical elements) weighing not less than 2.5 g each, of the halides of the alkali or alkaline-earth metals, of heading 38.24;
(f) Precious or semi-precious stones (natural, synthetic or reconstructed) or dust or powder of such stones (headings 71.02 to 71.05), or precious metals or precious metal alloys of Chapter 71;
(g) The metals, whether or not pure, metal alloys or cermets, including sintered metal carbides (metal carbides sintered with a metal), of Section XV; or
(h) Optical elements, for example, of the halides of the alkali or alkaline-earth metals (heading 90.01).

4.- Chemically defined complex acids consisting of a non-metal acid of sub-Chapter II and a metal acid of sub-Chapter IV are to be classified in heading 28.11.

5.- Headings 28.26 to 28.42 apply only to metal or ammonium salts or peroxytsalts.

Except where the context otherwise requires, double or complex salts are to be classified in heading 28.42.

6.- Heading 28.44 applies only to:

(a) Technetium (atomic No. 43), promethium (atomic No. 61), polonium (atomic No. 84) and all elements with an atomic number greater than 84;
(b) Natural or artificial radioactive isotopes (including those of the precious metals or of the base metals of Sections XIV and XV), whether or not mixed together;
(c) Compounds, inorganic or organic, of these elements or isotopes, whether or not chemically defined, whether or not mixed together;
(d) Alloys, dispersions (including cermets), ceramic products and mixtures containing these elements or isotopes or inorganic or organic compounds thereof and having a specific radioactivity exceeding 74 Bq/g (0.002 µCi/g);
(e) Spent (irradiated) fuel elements (cartridges) of nuclear reactors;
(f) Radioactive residues whether or not usable.

The term “isotopes”, for the purposes of this Note and of the wording of headings 28.44 and 28.45, refers to:
- individual nuclides, excluding, however, those existing in nature in the monoisotopic state;
- mixtures of isotopes of one and the same element, enriched in one or several of the said isotopes, that is, elements of which the natural isotopic composition has been artificially modified.

7.- Heading 28.48 includes copper phosphide (phosphor copper) containing more than 15 % by weight of phosphorus.
8.- Chemical elements (for example, silicon and selenium) doped for use in electronics are to be classified in this Chapter, provided that they are in forms unworked as drawn, or in the form of cylinders or rods. When cut in the form of discs, wafers or similar forms, they fall in heading 38.18.

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**II.- INORGANIC ACIDS AND INORGANIC OXYGEN COMPOUNDS OF NON-METALS**

| 28.06 | Hydrogen chloride (hydrochloric acid); chlorosulphuric acid. |
| 2806.10 | Hydrogen chloride (hydrochloric acid) |
| 2806.20 | Chlorosulphuric acid |

| 28.07 | Sulphuric acid; oleum. |
| 28.08 | Nitric acid; sulphonitric acids. |

| 28.09 | Diphosphorus pentaoxide; phosphoric acid; polyphosphoric acids, whether or not chemically defined. |
| 2809.10 | Diphosphorus pentaoxide |
| 2809.20 | Phosphoric acid and polyphosphoric acids |

| 28.10 | Oxides of boron; boric acids. |
| 28.11 | Other inorganic acids and other inorganic oxygen compounds of non-metals. |

- Other inorganic acids :
  | 2811.11 | Hydrogen fluoride (hydrofluoric acid) |
  | 2811.19 | Other |
- Other inorganic oxygen compounds of non-metals :
  | 2811.21 | Carbon dioxide |
  | 2811.22 | Silicon dioxide |
  | 2811.23 | Sulphur dioxide |
  | 2811.29 | Other |

**III.- HALOGEN OR SULPHUR COMPOUNDS OF NON-METALS**

| 28.12 | Halides and halide oxides of non-metals. |
| 2812.10 | Chlorides and chloride oxides |
| 2812.90 | Other |

| 28.13 | Sulphides of non-metals; commercial phosphorus trisulphide. |
| 2813.10 | Carbon disulphide |
| 2813.90 | Other |

**IV.- INORGANIC BASES AND OXIDES, HYDROXIDES AND PEROXIDES OF METALS**

| 28.14 | Ammonia, anhydrous or in aqueous solution. |
| 2814.10 | Anhydrous ammonia |
| 2814.20 | Ammonia in aqueous solution |

| 28.15 | Sodium hydroxide (caustic soda); potassium hydroxide (caustic potash); peroxides of sodium or potassium. |
| 2815.11 | Solid |
| 2815.12 | In aqueous solution (soda lye or liquid soda) |
2815.20  - Potassium hydroxide (caustic potash)
2815.30  - Peroxides of sodium or potassium

28.16  **Hydroxide and peroxide of magnesium; oxides, hydroxides and peroxides, of strontium or barium.**
2816.10  - Hydroxide and peroxide of magnesium
2816.40  - Oxides, hydroxides and peroxides, of strontium or barium

28.17  **Zinc oxide; zinc peroxide.**
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28.18  **Artificial corundum, whether or not chemically defined; aluminium oxide; aluminium hydroxide.**
2818.10  - Artificial corundum, whether or not chemically defined
2818.20  - Aluminium oxide, other than artificial corundum
2818.30  - Aluminium hydroxide

28.19  **Chromium oxides and hydroxides.**
2819.10  - Chromium trioxide
2819.90  - Other

28.20  **Manganese oxides.**
2820.10  - Manganese dioxide
2820.90  - Other

28.21  **Iron oxides and hydroxides; earth colours containing 70 % or more by weight of combined iron evaluated as Fe₂O₃.**
2821.10  - Iron oxides and hydroxides
2821.20  - Earth colours

28.22  **Cobalt oxides and hydroxides; commercial cobalt oxides.**
2822.00

28.23  **Titanium oxides.**
2823.00

28.24  **Lead oxides; red lead and orange lead.**
2824.10  - Lead monoxide (litharge, massicot)
2824.20  - Red lead and orange lead
2824.90  - Other

28.25  **Hydrazine and hydroxylamine and their inorganic salts; other inorganic bases; other metal oxides, hydroxides and peroxides.**
2825.10  - Hydrazine and hydroxylamine and their inorganic salts
2825.20  - Lithium oxide and hydroxide
2825.30  - Vanadium oxides and hydroxides
2825.40  - Nickel oxides and hydroxides
2825.50  - Copper oxides and hydroxides
2825.60  - Germanium oxides and zirconium dioxide
2825.70  - Molybdenum oxides and hydroxides
2825.80  - Antimony oxides
2825.90  - Other

**V.- SALTS AND PEROXY-SALTS, OF INORGANIC ACIDS AND METALS**

28.26  **Fluorides: fluoro-silicates, fluoro-aluminates and other complex fluorine salts.**
- Fluorides:
  - 2826.11 -- Of ammonium or of sodium
  - 2826.12 -- Of aluminium
  - 2826.19 -- Other
  - 2826.20 -- Fluorosilicates of sodium or of potassium
  - 2826.30 -- Sodium hexafluoroaluminate (synthetic cryolite)
  - 2826.90 -- Other

28.27  **Chlorides, chloride oxides and chloride hydroxides; bromides and bromide oxides; iodides and iodide oxides.**

- 2827.10 -- Ammonium chloride
- 2827.20 -- Calcium chloride
  - Other chlorides:
    - 2827.31 -- Of magnesium
    - 2827.32 -- Of aluminium
    - 2827.33 -- Of iron
    - 2827.34 -- Of cobalt
    - 2827.35 -- Of nickel
    - 2827.36 -- Of zinc
    - 2827.39 -- Other
    - Chloride oxides and chloride hydroxides:
      - 2827.41 -- Of copper
      - 2827.49 -- Other
    - Bromides and bromide oxides:
      - 2827.51 -- Bromides of sodium or of potassium
      - 2827.59 -- Other
      - 2827.60 -- Iodides and iodide oxides

28.28  **Hypochlorites; commercial calcium hypochlorite; chlorites; hypobromites.**

- 2828.10 -- Commercial calcium hypochlorite and other calcium hypochlorites
- 2828.90 -- Other

28.29  **Chlorates and perchlorates; bromates and perbromates; iodates and periodates.**

- Chlorates:
  - 2829.11 -- Of sodium
  - 2829.19 -- Other
  - 2829.90 -- Other

28.30  **Sulphides; polysulphides, whether or not chemically defined.**

- 2830.10 -- Sodium sulphides
- 2830.20 -- Zinc sulphide
- 2830.30 -- Cadmium sulphide
- 2830.90 -- Other

28.31  **Dithionites and sulphoxylates.**

- 2831.10 -- Of sodium
- 2831.90 -- Other

28.32  **Sulphites; thiosulphates.**
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- Silver compounds:
  2843.21 -- Silver nitrate
  2843.29 -- Other
  2843.30 - Gold compounds
  2843.90 - Other compounds; amalgams

28.44 Radioactive chemical elements and radioactive isotopes (including the fissile or fertile chemical elements and isotopes) and their compounds; mixtures and residues containing these products.

  2844.10 - Natural uranium and its compounds; alloys, dispersions (including cerments), ceramic products and mixtures containing natural uranium or natural uranium compounds
  2844.20 - Uranium enriched in U 235 and its compounds; plutonium and its compounds; alloys, dispersions (including cerments), ceramic products and mixtures containing uranium enriched in U 235, plutonium or compounds of these products
  2844.30 - Uranium depleted in U 235 and its compounds; thorium and its compounds; alloys, dispersions (including cerments), ceramic products and mixtures containing uranium depleted in U 235, thorium or compounds of these products
  2844.40 - Radioactive elements and isotopes and compounds other than those of subheading 2844.10, 2844.20 or 2844.30; alloys, dispersions (including cerments), ceramic products and mixtures containing these elements, isotopes or compounds; radioactive residues
  2844.50 - Spent (irradiated) fuel elements (cartridges) of nuclear reactors

28.45 Isotopes other than those of heading 28.44; compounds, inorganic or organic, of such isotopes, whether or not chemically defined.

  2845.10 - Heavy water (deuterium oxide)
  2845.90 - Other

28.46 Compounds, inorganic or organic, of rare-earth metals, of yttrium or of scandium or of mixtures of these metals.

  2846.10 - Cerium compounds
  2846.90 - Other

28.47 Hydrogen peroxide, whether or not solidified with urea.

28.48 Phosphides, whether or not chemically defined, excluding ferrophosphorus.

28.49 Carbides, whether or not chemically defined.

  2849.10 - Of calcium
  2849.20 - Of silicon
  2849.90 - Other

28.50 Hydrides, nitrides, azides, silicides and borides, whether or not chemically defined, other than compounds which are also carbides of heading 28.49.

28.51 Other inorganic compounds (including distilled or conductivity water and water of similar purity); liquid air (whether or not rare gases have been removed); compressed air; amalgams, other than amalgams of precious metals.