

Sub : Rate of tax on some coir products namely floor matting made of coir strings, doormats made of coir and some varieties with a thin rubber backing where 90% of the content is coir, coir sheet, coir cushions and coir mattress (Bed Sheet).

Extract of the order

The items are analysed as below for the purpose of determination of the correct rate of VAT, with reference to samples submitted by the applicant.

1. Coir mattings – These are entirely made of coir. Hence these are coir products covered by entry at Sl. 20 of part A of Second Schedule namely “coir and coir products excluding coir mattresses”.
2. Coir door mats – Two types are there.
 - (a) Coir Door Mat entirely made coir.
 - (b) Coir Door Mat made of coir with latex backing for making it anti-slippery.Item 2 (a) is very clear as it is entirely made of coir and hence taxable @ 4%. As regards taxability of 2 (b), as it has latex backing, it is not covered by the item coir products and hence taxable @12.5%.
3. Coir Sheets :- These are entirely made of coir. Hence covered by the aforesaid entry and taxable @ 4%.
4. Coir Cushions – These are made of coir sheets. A layer of polythene foam is pasted over coir sheets and the same is thereafter covered with cloth. These appear to be coir products and hence taxable @ 4%.
5. Coir Mattress – As it is excluded from entry 20, it will fall under Sl. 1 of Fifth Schedule and taxable @ 12.5%.

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