Pre-Classification Research Report

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Product: glass mosaic subway wall tile

BASED ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED, BELOW ARE THE RELEVANT POTENTIAL HTS CHAPTERS. WE RECOMMEND CONFIRMING WITH YOUR CUSTOMS BROKER.

7016.90.1050

Base Rate: 8%

Paving blocks, slabs, bricks, squares, tiles and other articles of pressed or molded glass, whether or not wired, of a kind used for building or construction purposes; glass cubes and other glass smallwares, whether or not on a backing, for mosaics or similar decorative purposes; leaded glass windows and the like; multicellular or foam glass in blocks, panels, plates, shells or similar forms: > Other: > Paving blocks, slabs, bricks, squares, tiles and other articles of pressed or molded glass > Other

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Product Information

Product Overview

The item is a glass mosaic subway wall tile intended for wall applications.

Materials

- Molded glass construction

Dimensions

- Length: 11.75 in
- Width: 2.82 in
- Thickness: 0.5 in

Form/Type

- Subway-style mosaic wall tile

Classification Reasoning Process

Round 1 Determining 4-digit Heading — 7016

GRI1 APPLIED 90% confidence

Fact: The product is a molded glass subway wall tile measuring approximately 11.75 by 2.82 by 0.5 inches intended for use on walls.

Coverage: Heading 7016 covers paving blocks, slabs, bricks, squares, tiles and other articles of pressed or molded glass, of a kind used for building or construction purposes, which directly describes this glass wall tile.

Round 2 Determining 6-digit Subheading — 7016.90

GRI1 APPLIED 90% confidence

Fact: The product is a larger molded glass subway wall tile measuring 11.75 inches in length.

Coverage: Subheading 7016.90 covers other glass articles of heading 7016 that do not fall into the specific category of small glass cubes and smallwares.

Exclusion: Subheading 7016.10 is excluded because the tiles are larger construction tiles rather than glass cubes or smallwares intended for small mosaic work.

Heading (Candidate)	Why it looks applicable	Final choice / exclusion reason
7016.10	The product is described as a "mosaic subway wall tile", which might initially suggest mosaic materials.	Excluded based on product nature/use (Fact): The item measures 11.75 x 2.82 inches, which constitutes large wall tiles, not the glass cubes or smallwares typically classified here.
7016.90	Covers other articles of heading 7016, including standard glass construction tiles.	Selected based on coverage definition: This subheading acts as the residual category for larger pressed or molded glass tiles not covered by 7016.10.

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Round 3 Determining 8-digit Subheading — 7016.90.10

GRI1 APPLIED 90% confidence

Fact: The item is a subway wall tile made of molded glass.

Coverage: Subheading 7016.90.10 explicitly provides for paving blocks, slabs, bricks, squares, tiles and other articles of pressed or molded glass.

Exclusion: Subheading 7016.90.50 provides for other miscellaneous articles of the heading, which is not applicable since tiles are specifically named in 7016.90.10.

Heading (Candidate)	Why it looks applicable	Final choice / exclusion reason
7016.90.10	The text explicitly names "tiles and other articles of pressed or molded glass".	Selected based on coverage definition: The heading specifically covers pressed or molded glass tiles, perfectly matching the product.
7016.90.50	Covers other miscellaneous articles of heading 7016.	Excluded based on exclusion logic: The product is specifically provided for in the preceding subheading by name, so the residual "other" category is not needed.

Round 4 Determining 10-digit HTS Code — 7016.90.10.50

GRI1 APPLIED 100% confidence

Decision: 7016.90.10.50 at 10-digit under GRI1. Candidates (sorted): 7016.10.00.00 — Glass cubes and other glass smallwares, whether or not on a backing, for mosaics or similar decorative purposes; 7016.90.10.10 — Bricks and blocks; 7016.90.10.50 — Other. Key evidence (verbatim facts quotes): "glass mosaic subway wall tile", "tile is made of molded glass", "intended for use on walls".

In N271979, dated 2016-08-08, CBP classified a molded glass wall tile measuring approximately 11.75 inches by 2.82 inches by 0.5 inches in subheading 7016.90.1050, HTSUS, as other pressed or molded glass tiles of a kind used for building or construction purposes.

Support for 7016.90.10.50 under GRI 1 is reinforced by N271979 (Aug. 8, 2016), where CBP classified a molded glass wall tile of essentially identical dimensions (11.75" x 2.82" x 0.5") in 7016.90.1050 as a pressed/molded glass tile of a kind used for building or construction purposes. Although N271979 notes an opaque white back coating and thin-set mortar installation, those details do not alter the controlling characteristics here (single molded glass wall tile for building use), so 7016.90.10.50 remains appropriate.

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Classification Conversation

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11.75" x 2.82", .5" thick, made of molded glass

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