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PROPOSAL BY THE US ADMINISTRATION TO AMEND THE NOMENCLATURE
AND EXPLANATORY NOTE TO HEADING 70.13

(Item III.B.5 on Agenda)

I. BACKGROUND

1. The Secretariat received, on 16 February 2001, a proposal to amend the Nomenclature and Explanatory Note to heading 70.13 from the US Administration. The United States proposal is reproduced in the Annex to this document.

II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

2. Due to the recent arrival of the proposal, the Secretariat considers that it would be appropriate to have a preliminary discussion only at the 23rd Session of the Review Sub-Committee.

III. CONCLUSION

3. The Sub-Committee is invited to take account of the proposal from the US Administration set out in the Annex hereto as well as the comments by the Secretariat in paragraph 2 above when examining this Agenda item.

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**US Proposal to Amend the Nomenclature and Explanatory Notes
Concerning HS heading 70.13**

1. The United States Administration proposes several new 6-digit subdivisions under HS heading 7013, in order to reflect in greater detail the patterns of trade in glassware of that heading. The specific proposed changes are summarized below.

Present subheading 7013.10

2. No change.

Present subheadings 7013.2, 7013.21 and 7013.29

3. In 1999, US imports of drinking glasses under subheadings 7013.21 and 7013.29 amounted to \$141.4 and \$148.7 million, respectively. Worldwide, trade volumes in these subheadings are certainly much higher.
4. The purpose of the US proposal is to restructure subheading 7013.2 in order (a) to distinguish between stemware drinking glasses and other drinking glasses; and (b) within each of these categories, to identify separately the group of drinking glasses that are (i) acid-etched, (ii) coloured or (iii) clear with bubbles, seeds or stones throughout the glass. The US industry, which exports to more than 100 countries worldwide, considers that these categories of drinking glasses comprise an important part of the glassware market.
5. Finally, the US Administration has experienced difficulties in administering present subheading 7013.32 and wonders whether other administrations have similar difficulties. For this reason, we have placed proposed subheading 7013.42 below in square brackets and invite the Sub-Committee's views on the possible deletion of this provision.

Present subheadings 7013.31 and 7013.32

6. No change, except renumbering.

Present subheading 7013.39

7. US trade under this subheading in 1999 amounted to \$145.2 million. As part of the US proposal, this subheading would be subdivided to provide separate identification of canisters, jars and other storage containers, of glass, other than lead crystal or glass having a low coefficient of expansion (as described in present subheading 7013.32).

Present subheadings 7013.91 and 7013.99

8. No change.

9. In conclusion, the US Administration requests that the Review Sub-Committee consider the proposal set out below.

CHAPTER 70

Heading 70.13.

10. Delete and substitute :

“70.13 Glassware of a kind used for table, kitchen, toilet, office, indoor decoration or similar purposes (other than that of heading 70.10 or 70.18).

- 7013.10 - Of glass-ceramics
 - Stemware drinking glasses, other than of glass-ceramics :
- 7013.22 -- Of lead crystal
- 7013.23 -- Other, acid-etched or coloured or clear with bubbles, seeds or stones throughout the glass
- 7013.28 -- Other
 - Other drinking glasses, other than of glass-ceramics :
- 7013.33 -- Of lead crystal
- 7013.34 -- Other, acid-etched or colored or clear with bubbles, seeds or stones throughout the glass
- 7013.37 -- Other
- 7013.38 - Glassware of a kind used for table (other than drinking glasses) or kitchen purposes, other than of glass-ceramics :
- 7013.41 -- Of lead crystal
- [7013.42 -- Of glass having a linear coefficient of expansion not exceeding 5×10^{-6} per Kelvin within a temperature range of 0 °C to 300 °C]
- 7013.43 -- Canisters, jars and other storage articles, of other glass
- 7013.49 -- Other
 - Other glassware :
- 7013.91 -- Of lead crystal
- 7013.99 -- Other”
