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POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE NOMENCLATURE
AND EXPLANATORY NOTES TO HEADING 84.42

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Reference documents :

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40.885 (HSC/19)	NC0196E1 (HSC/25)
41.124 (HSC/19)	NC0250E2, Annex H/6 (HSC/25)
41.100, Annex G/19 (HSC/19 - Report)	NR0116E1 (RSC/22)
41.315 (HSC/20)	NR0133E2, Annex D/6 (RSC/22 – Report)
41.598 (HSC/20)	NR0139E1 (RSC/23)
41.600, Annex F/20 (HSC/20 - Report)	NR0165E2, Annex C/4 (RSC/23 - Report)
42.057 (HSC/21)	NR0171E1 (RSC/24)
42.105 (HSC/21)	NR0200E1 (RSC/24)
42.119 (HSC/21)	NR0203E1 (RSC/24)
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I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 24th Session, the Review Sub-Committee undertook a detailed examination of the Secretariat's proposal for amendments to the Nomenclature and Explanatory Notes to heading 84.42. A number of delegates made proposals during the discussions that were accepted by the Sub-Committee and are listed for ease of reference as follows. The Secretariat would draw the Sub-Committee's attention to the fact that the page references to these proposals, as well as those in the Annex to this document reflect the pagination of the 2002 version of the Explanatory Notes :

- deletion in the English text only of the words "or set" on page 1502, first paragraph, item 2, second line;
- deletion of the words "photogravure or" on page 1502, second paragraph, Item III, first line;

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- deletion in the English text only of the word “and” and substitution of the word “or” on page 1505, last paragraph, third line;
- deletion of present exclusion (m) on page 1506 and substitution of the text “Moulds (**heading 84.80**)”. In the 1996 version, this was exclusion (l);
- replacement of “Du modèle” by “Dans le modèle” in the French text only, page 1508, Part I (C), first line, of the Secretariat’s proposed text;
- deletion of exclusion (d) on page 1510.

2. A number of delegates also made proposals during the discussions and the Sub-Committee agreed to place them in square brackets for reconsideration at its next session. These are also listed for ease of reference as follows :

- proposed deletion of exclusions (c) and (d) on page 1501;
- proposed deletion of items (15), (17) and part of (19), referring to “polishing vats” on page 1505;
- proposed deletion of exclusion (b) on page 1506;
- proposed deletion of the words “contact printers” and the insertion of the words “printing machines” on page 1505, last paragraph, last five lines. No change is necessary to the French text;
- proposed deletion of Item (1) on page 1509, first paragraph;
- proposed amendment of the first paragraph of Subheading Explanatory Note 8443.21 and 8443.29 on page 1511;
- proposed deletion of exclusion (a) on page 1571;
- proposed deletion of the first paragraph after Item (15) on page 1778.

3. The Sub-Committee also agreed with the suggestion of one delegate to a rearrangement of Part A and Part B of the Explanatory Note to heading 84.42 in order to align on the sequence of the heading text.

4. During the discussion on the proposed deletion of exclusion (b) on page 1506, the Sub-Committee had originally accepted its deletion and it was suggested that the introductory paragraph be revised to connect to exclusion (a). At the request of a number of delegates, the Sub-Committee agreed to place the proposed deletion of exclusion (b) in square brackets for reconsideration at its next session.

II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

5. During the course of preparing this document, it was brought to the Secretariat’s attention that, while machines for cutting stencils and duplicators may no longer be manufactured, this may not be the case for machines for embossing sheets of metal, plastics, etc., for use on addressing machines. Consequently, the Secretariat would suggest that this issue be added for consideration at the Sub-Committee’s upcoming session.

6. The Secretariat would encourage administrations to contact their trade in order to facilitate a full discussion of the proposals that have been placed in square brackets by the Sub-Committee at its 24th Session. At the same time, the Secretariat would ask administrations to consider, in consultation with their industry, adding references to new machinery and/or processes to the Explanatory Note to heading 84.42. In this regard, the Secretariat recognizes that some referrals for classification decisions to the Harmonized System Committee may be necessary before they can be included. However, as there are only five RSC meetings left in this Review Cycle, the Secretariat believes that there is no time to waste if new equipment and/or processes are to be included for 2007. For its part, the Secretariat will be contacting industry, with the assistance of the International Chamber of Commerce, to determine what, if any, new equipment or processes should be inserted.
7. Finally, at its 22nd Session, one delegate informed the Sub-Committee that subheadings 8442.10 and 8442.20 were still important in international trade. Consequently, his administration would have to study the effect of these deletions on its own economy. The Secretariat would, therefore, encourage administrations to complete any necessary studies in order to have the results reflected in the Sub-Committee's final conclusions.

III. CONCLUSION

8. The Secretariat would encourage administrations to consult their industry and to submit proposals or comments to the Secretariat as soon as possible, in order to be published for the upcoming session.

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