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INCLUSION OF CHEMICAL STRUCTURES IN THE EXPLANATORY NOTES TO

CHAPTER 29

(Item III.1 on Agenda)

Reference documents :

39.480, Annex A/5 (Report - SSC/9)
39.563 (HSC/16)
39.600, Annex D/2 (Report - HSC/16)
39.908 (SSC/10)
40.080, Annex A/8 (Report - SSC/10)
40.037, paragraph 23 (HSC/17)
40.260, Annex D paragraph 24 (Report - HSC/17)
40.760 (SSC/12)
40.808 (SSC/12)
40.924 (SSC/12)
41.007 (SSC/12)
40.870, Annex A/14 (Report - SSC/12)
40.929 (HSC/19)
41.100, Annex D/2 (Report - HSC/19)
41.664 (SSC/13)
41.690, Annex A/4 (Report - SSC/13)
42.078, (HSC/21)
42.100, Annex E/2 (Report - HSC/21)

I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 21st Session (March 1998), the Harmonized System Committee considered the draft amendment to the Explanatory Notes prepared by the Secretariat in Annex to Doc. 42.078 for insertion of certain chemical structures in the Explanatory Notes to Chapter 29. The Committee agreed to send the matter to the Scientific Sub-Committee to review the chemical structures once again before the proposed amendment to the Explanatory Notes was adopted by the Committee.

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2. In this connection, the Delegate of the EC informed the Committee that the EC would submit its comments on the proposal in Annex to Doc. 42.078 for consideration by the Scientific Sub-Committee.

II. COMMENTS FROM THE EC

3. On 19 May 1998, the Secretariat received the comments from the EC. The EC comments consisted of the following two categories :

- (i) nomenclature changes with respect to certain chemical names described in the present Explanatory Notes (18 cases) (e.g., "Butyl phthalyl butyl glycollate" to be renamed as "2-(Butoxy carbonyl) ethyl hydrogen phthalate");
- (ii) editorial modifications to the Annex to Doc. 42.078.

(The full text of EC comments would be available for reference by the delegates during the meeting).

III. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

4. As regards the EC proposal to modify the chemical names described in the Explanatory Notes (item (i) of paragraph 3 above), the Secretariat feels that it involves a comprehensive review of the entire Explanatory Notes concerning chemicals and should be examined as a fresh proposal. Therefore, it should not be linked with the present question of insertion of chemical structures in the Explanatory Notes in order to avoid further delay in finalising this matter. The Sub-Committee is invited to express its views in this regard.
5. The editorial modifications proposed for Annex to Doc. 42.078 (item (ii) of paragraph 3 above) are in the nature of (a) correction of texts and (b) modification of the chemical structures.
6. The correction of texts (mainly typing errors) suggested by the EC had been incorporated in the revised draft set out in Annex II to this document.
7. A summary of the modification of the chemical structures suggested by the EC is given in Annex I to this document. With the exception of the proposal for "Cyclic Polymers of Aldehyde" (Page 375 of the Explanatory Notes; see Annex I/1); the Secretariat could agree with all of the modifications suggested by the EC, since they are definite improvements in the representation of chemical structures concerned. In this connection, the Secretariat also agrees to delete the structures concerning "Quinones" (Page 380 of the Explanatory Notes; see Annex I/1) and "Diazo-compounds" (Page 405 of the Explanatory Notes; see Annex I/2), and to insert a new structure for "Thioamides" (Page 410 of the Explanatory Notes; see Annex I/3).
8. With regard to "Cyclic Polymers of Aldehyde", the Secretariat considers that the modified chemical structure suggested by the EC would still not be appropriate for illustrating the above products of heading 29.12. Therefore, it has inserted the chemical structure of "Trioxane" (Page 375 of the Explanatory Notes; see Annex II/8) as a new example.

9. The Secretariat has revised the draft amendment to the Explanatory Notes incorporating the EC comments as explained in paragraphs 6 to 8 above. The revised draft is set out in Annex II hereto.

IV. CONCLUSION

10. Taking into account the EC proposals and the Secretariat comments above, the Sub-Committee is invited to :
- (a) examine the draft amendment to the Explanatory Notes concerning insertion of the chemical structures set out in Annex II to this document;
 - (b) indicate what further action should be taken on the EC proposal to revise the nomenclature of certain chemicals described in the Explanatory Notes (see paragraph 4 above).

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ANNEXE II

PROJET DE MODIFICATION DES NOTES EXPLICATIVES
SUITE A L'INCLUSION DE REPRESENTATIONS SCHEMATIQUES DE STRUCTURES
CHIMIQUES DANS LES NOTES EXPLICATIVES DU CHAPITRE 29
(Point III.1 de l'ordre du jour)

ANNEX II

DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE EXPLANATORY NOTES
ARISING FROM THE INCLUSION OF CHEMICAL STRUCTURES
IN THE EXPLANATORY NOTES TO CHAPTER 29
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A EFFECTUER PAR VOIE DE CORRIGENDUM
MODIFICATIONS DES NOTES EXPLICATIVES

CHAPITRE 29.

A la fin du chapitre 29, insérer le nouveau texte ci-après en tant que nouvelles pages :

TO BE MADE BY CORRIGENDUM
AMENDMENT TO THE EXPLANATORY NOTES

CHAPTER 29.

Insert the following text at the end of Chapter 29 as new pages :