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POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE NOMENCLATURE
AND EXPLANATORY NOTES TO CHAPTER 24
(Item III.A.9 on Agenda)

Reference documents :

42.083 (HSC/21)
NC0090E2, Annex IJ/1 (HSC/23 - Report)
NC0284E1 (HSC/26)

NC0340E2, Annex G/2 (HSC/26 – Report)
NR0144E1 (RSC/23)
NR0160E1 (RSC/23)

I. BACKGROUND

1. After the preparation of Doc. NR0160E1, the Secretariat received proposals with regard to possible amendments to the Nomenclature and Explanatory Notes to Chapter 24 from the administrations of Russia and Mexico. These proposals are reproduced in Annexes I and II, respectively.

II. CONCLUSION

2. The Sub-Committee is invited to examine the proposals of Russian and Mexican Administrations when taking up this item.

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PROPOSAL BY THE RUSSIAN ADMINISTRATION

"The State Customs Committee of the Russian Federation supports the classification decision of "non aromatic cut tobacco" in heading 24.03 (subheading 2403.10) taken by the HS Committee at the 26th Session.

Furthermore, we would like to introduce into the HS Explanatory Note to heading 24.03 the following text :

"Expanded (exploded) tobacco manufactured by special industrial technology from tobacco refuse, for example from tobacco veins. It intends for dosed addition to the tobacco mixture of cut tobacco which used to fill the cigarettes in order to reduce the content of nicotine".

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PROPOSAL BY THE MEXICAN ADMINISTRATION

"It is a pleasure to inform you our agreement on the classification of the mentioned product in heading 24.03, in accordance with the decision taken during the 26th Harmonized System Committee meeting. However, we believe on the convenience to amend the first paragraph of the Explanatory Note to heading 24.01 on page 189. Proposed amendment is shown in square brackets as follows :

- (1) **Unmanufactured tobacco** in the form of whole plants or leaves in the natural state or as cured or fermented leaves, whole or stemmed/stripped, trimmed or untrimmed, broken or cut (including pieces cut to shape [for cigars production]). [Semi-manufactured tobacco presented as regular narrow strips with several mm wide and varying lengths **is excluded (heading 24.03)**]."
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