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POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE STRUCTURED NOMENCLATURE
TO HEADING 84.18
(Item III.A.11 on Agenda)

Reference documents :

NR0233E1 (RSC/25)
NR0265E3, Annex C/13 (RSC/25 – Report)
NR0281E1 (RSC/26)

I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 25th Session, the Review Sub-Committee discussed a Secretariat proposal for possible amendments to the structured nomenclature to heading 84.18. During the discussions, the **US** Delegate let it be known that his administration might ask the Sub-Committee to subsequently examine further proposals with regard to the structured nomenclature to heading 84.18 within the framework of the Third HS Review Cycle. Subsequent to this, on 10 July 2002, the Secretariat received the following note from the **US** Administration.

II. FURTHER INFORMATION FROM THE **US** ADMINISTRATION
REGARDING REFRIGERATORS

2. “The **United States** submits the following statistical information covering trade in refrigerators of heading 84.18. Data are for calendar year 2001.

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Subheading	Description	US Imports (US\$)	US Exports (US\$)
8418.10	Combined refrigerator-freezers fitted with separate external doors	577,958,411	472,608,416
8418.21	Compression-type household refrigerators	209,618,101	104,313,330
8418.22	Absorption-type electrical household refrigerators	20,471,741	2,576,219
8418.29	Other household-type refrigerators	1,342,351	24,908,719

3. US imports of absorption-type electrical household refrigerators (subheading 8418.22) account for less than 9 per cent of the total imports of household-type refrigerators classified in subheading 8418.2, and exports amount to less than two percent of total exports. Additionally, we believe that most of the trade in refrigerators classified in subheading 8418.10 are also household-type; including those in the calculation would further reduce the portion of US foreign trade represented by absorption-type refrigerators.
4. We are not opposed to the deletion of subheading 8418.22.”

III. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

5. Due to its recent arrival, the Secretariat has reproduced the US note without comment.

IV. CONCLUSION

6. The Sub-Committee is invited to take account of the above comments from the US Administration when it examines this agenda item.
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