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POSSIBLE DELETION OF SUBHEADINGS 0105.92 AND 0105.93

(PROPOSAL BY THE **EC**)

(Item III.A.1 on Agenda)

Reference documents:

NR0394E1 (RSC/27) NR0400E3, Annex D/15 (RSC/27 – Report)

I. BACKGROUND

- 1. At the 27th Session of the Sub-Committee (March 2003), the EC Delegate explained that the intention of this proposal was to simplify the HS Nomenclature. These subheadings had been adopted at the 10th Session of the HS Committee in 1992 and, according to the EC's industrial and agricultural sectors, these subdivisions were no longer economically or commercially relevant. His proposal was supported by two other delegates.
- 2. Another delegate pointed out that the **EC** proposal had been received only a short time ago, and because of that he had not yet been able to obtain any feedback from his agriculture ministry. He therefore asked for a preliminary discussion only. He recalled that the intention of these provisions had been to distinguish between "broiler chickens" and "spent hens" and, therefore, it might still be of interest to retain these subheadings in the HS Nomenclature.
- 3. The Sub-Committee consequently agreed to place the proposed texts in square brackets and to return to this question at its next session.

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III. <u>SECRETARIAT COMMENTS</u>

4. By the time of preparation of this document the Secretariat had not received any further comments with regard to this proposal.

IV. CONCLUSION

5. The Sub-Committee is invited to re-examine the **EC** proposal for amendments to the legal texts and Explanatory Note to heading 01.05, as set out in the Annex to this document.

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