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PROPOSAL BY THE US ADMINISTRATION
TO AMEND THE NOMENCLATURE TO HEADING 70.13
(Item III.A.10 on Agenda)

Reference documents :

NR0156E1 (RSC/23)
NR0165E2, Annex D/5 (RSC/23 – Report)
NR0178E1 (RSC/24)

I. BACKGROUND

1. Subsequent to the preparation of Doc. NR0178E1, on 5 July 2001, the Secretariat received the following additional comments from the US Administration on its proposal to amend the structure of HS heading 70.13.

II. NOTE FROM THE US ADMINISTRATION

2. "At its 23rd Session, the Review Sub-Committee held a preliminary discussion on a proposal by the United States to expand the structured Nomenclature of heading 70.13 to identify separately certain commercially important types of glassware. During the discussion, the US Delegate was asked to provide more detailed trade statistics on the products in question.
3. Detailed trade statistics do not yet exist for the individual subheadings we are proposing. However, in each instance, the "parent" provision from which the proposed breakouts will be derived involves large amounts of trade.

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4. With regard to drinking glasses (present subheadings 7013.21 and 7013.29), the value of imports into the United States alone for the period 1998-2000 were as follows (data are in US\$):

HS Subheading	1998	1999	2000 (est.)
7013.21 (lead crystal)	110,064,110	141,426,617	144,100,000
7013.29 (other than lead crystal)	138,801,487	148,654,839	140,400,000

Under the US proposal, the provision for lead crystal drinking glasses would be divided into two subheadings, one for stemware (proposed subheading 7013.22) and one for "other" (proposed subheading 7013.33). Drinking glasses, other than lead crystal, would be divided four ways (proposed subheadings 7013.23, 7013.28, 7013.34 and 7013.38).

5. For other glassware of a kind used for table or kitchen purposes (present subheadings 7013.31 through 7013.39), US imports were as follows (data in US\$):

HS Subheading	1998	1999	2000 (est.)
7013.31 (lead crystal)	80,879,645	82,417,895	71,900,000
7013.32 (low coeff. of expansion)	6,924,338	5,085,104	5,500,000
7013.39 (other)	151,589,854	145,247,666	140,800,000

In the US proposal, proposed subheadings 7013.41 and 7013.42 are merely renumbered from present subheadings 7013.31 and 7013.32, respectively, and represent no change in scope for those subheadings. The only new subheading is proposed subheading 7013.43, for domestic canisters, jars and similar containers that are not used primarily for commercial conveyance or packing of goods, i.e., other than goods of heading 70.10.

6. Subheadings 7013.10, 7013.91 and 7013.99 would remain unchanged in the US proposal."

III. CONCLUSION

7. The Sub-Committee is invited to take account of these additional comments from the US Administration when it examines this Agenda item.
