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POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE NOMENCLATURE REGARDING THE CLASSIFICATION OF FLASH ELECTRONIC STORAGE CARDS (PROPOSAL BY THE SECRETARIAT)

(Item III.B.5 on Agenda)

Reference documents:

42.448 (HSC/22) NC0160E2, Annex G/17 (HSC/24 – Report) NC0225E1 (HSC/25) NC0250E2, Annex IJ/14 (HSC/25 – Report) NC0301E1 (HSC/26) NC0340E2, Annex G/18 (HSC/26 – Report) NC0388E1 (HSC/27) NC0430E2, Annex H/5 (HSC/27 - Report) NC0470E1 (HSC/28) NC0502E1 (HSC/28) NC0510E2, Annex G/8 (HSC/28 - Report)

I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 28th Session, the Harmonized System Committee held a preliminary discussion on the classification of flash electronic storage cards. Some delegates were of the view that classification in heading 85.23 would be appropriate, whereas others took the view that they were classifiable elsewhere, but that in the future it would be preferable to classify these articles in heading 85.23 or 85.24, as the case may be.

II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

- 2. Taking into account the discussions in the 28th Session of the Committee, the Secretariat considers that an amendment to the Nomenclature to provide for the classification of flash electronic storage cards in headings 85.23 and 85.24, as the case may be, might be appropriate. A proposal to that effect is set out in the Annex to this document.
- 3. The proposal leaves unimpeded the discussions in the Committee vis-à-vis the classification of these commodities in the current Nomenclature.

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III. CONCLUSION

4. The Review Sub-Committee is invited to consider the proposed amendment to the Nomenclature to provide for the classification of flash electronic storage cards, as set out in the Annex to this document.

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