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POSSIBLE DELETION OF HEADINGS/SUBHEADINGS
WITH A SMALL VOLUME OF TRADE
(Item II.2 on Agenda)

Reference documents :

40.367 (RSC/14)	42.100, Annex F/1, paragraphs 66 to 69 (HSC/21 - Report)
40.470, Annex E/1 (RSC /14 - Report)	42.233 (RSC /18)
40.413 (HSC/18)	42.491 (RSC /18)
40.600, Annex E/1 (HSC /18 - Report)	42.500, Annex C/1 (RSC /18 - Report)
40.806 (RSC /15)	42.750, Annex E (HSC /22 - Report)
40.902 (RSC /15)	NR0027E1 (RSC/19)
40.920, Annex C/1 (RSC /15 - Report)	NR0045E2, Annexes C/1 and D/11 (RSC/19 – Report)
41.100, Annex E/1 (HSC /19 - Report)	NC0017E1, paragraphs 95 to 98 (HSC/23)
41.332 (RSC /16)	NC0090E2, Annexes F/1, paragraphs 94 and 95, and N/19 (HSC/23 – Report)
41.458 (RSC /16)	NR0091E1 (RSC/21)
41.478 (RSC /16)	NR0101E2, Annex D/1 (RSC/21 – Report)
41.576 (RSC /16)	NC0182E1, paragraphs 10 to 13 (HSC/25)
41.580, Annex C/1 (RSC /16 - Report)	NC0250E2, Annex F/1, paragraph 6 (HSC/25 – Report)
41.600, Annex D, paragraph 87 (CSH/20 - Report)	NR0270E1 (RSC/26)
41.802 (RSC /17)	NR0332E3, Annex B/3 (RSC/26 – Report)
41.817 (RSC /17)	NR0365E1 (RSC/27)
41.920, Annex C/1 (RSC /17 - Report)	NR0400E3, Annex B/2 (RSC/27 – Report)
	NR0405E1 (RSC/28)

I. BACKGROUND

1. After the publication of Doc. NR0405E1, on 30 July 2003 the Secretariat received a note from the **Canadian** Administration, which is reproduced below.

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II. NOTE FROM THE CANADIAN ADMINISTRATION

2. "This concerns the possible deletion of headings and subheadings with a small volume of trade that is on the agenda for the 28th Session of the Review Sub-Committee.

3. When the Canadian Administration initially reviewed the question for RSC/26, we were requested by other Canadian government agencies to seek retention of some 27 headings and 74 subheadings. Upon further examination, the list has been substantially reduced to the following twelve subheadings which we request be retained :

0305.42	1209.24	6811.30
0709.70	1209.26	7225.20
1104.22	2825.20	7229.10
1207.60	2903.14	8112.40

4. In every case, the reason for our request is the need to monitor either international trade or the resource situation. We note that, according to Annex II to Doc. NR0405B1, other administrations have already requested the retention of eight of the twelve subheadings we have listed.

5. We also note the concerns expressed by the Secretariat about the high number of requests for retention of low trade volume headings and subheadings and we share those concerns. If the Sub-Committee endorses these concerns and decides to stick closely to the threshold criteria for retaining or deleting items, the Canadian Administration would be prepared to withdraw this request."

III. CONCLUSION

6. The Sub-Committee is invited to take into account the proposal of the Canadian Administration when examining this Agenda item.
