

W ORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION ORGANISATION MONDIALE DES DOUANES

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HARMONIZED SYSTEM COMMITTEE

26th Session

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Brussels, 7 November 2000.

POSITION REGARDING CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE HS CONVENTION AND RELATED MATTERS

(Item II.1 on Agenda)

1. The present position regarding the Contracting Parties to the HS Convention, implementation of the 1996 HS amendments, acceptance of the HS-related Recommendations and the use of the HS by non-Contracting Party administrations is summarised below (for details, see the Annex to this document).

| | <u>Number</u> | New Members since the last session |
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| Contracting Parties to the HS Convention | 102 | Azerbaijan, Gabon and Maldives |
| Implementation of 1996 amendments | 97of 99 | Maidives |
| Recommendations | | |
| Ozone Layer Depleting Substances | 27 (1995 version) 3 (1999 version) | Switzerland |
| Use of Standard Units of Quantity | 18 | Bolivia, Korea (Rep.of) and Morocco |
| Pre-entry Classification Information | 37 | and Morocco |
| Chemical Weapons Convention | 7 | Bolivia |
| Narcotic Drugs | 8 | |
| Reporting Trade Data | 15 | Bolivia |
| Good Classification Work Model | 4 | |
| Hand-made Products | 0 | |

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| | Number | New Members since the last session |
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| Use of the HS by Non-Contracting Party Administrations and Customs or | 77 | Mauritania (31 administrations use the |
| Economic Unions | | 1996 version) |

- 2. The Committee is invited to welcome Azerbaijan, Gabon and the Maldives as new Contracting Parties to the HS Convention. The Committee is requested to note that the Convention entered into force in respect of Azerbaijan on 7 July 2000. Unless an earlier date is specified by Gabon and the Maldives in accordance with Article 13.2 thereof, the Convention will enter into force in respect of these countries on 1 January 2002.
- 3. Rwanda and Sudan have not yet informed the Secretariat about the date of implementation of the 1996 Amendments to the HS.
- 4. The WCO Council adopted the new Recommendation on Hand-made Products at its 95th/96th Sessions in July 2000. So far, no notification has been received as regards the acceptance of this Recommendation.
- 5. The Secretariat would like to draw the attention of the Committee to the fact that the Council Recommendations on (i) Standard Units of Quantity, (ii) Chemical Weapons and (iii) Narcotic Drugs were amended in 1999 to facilitate their acceptance. However, the acceptance of these Recommendations is still low. The Secretariat strongly urges administrations to accept them, as well as the other Council Recommendations, as soon as possible and notify the Secretary General accordingly.
- 6. During the intersession, several administrations have sent the latest version of their HS-based Customs tariffs or statistical nomenclatures to the Secretariat. All administrations are requested to provide a copy of the latest version of their Customs tariffs or statistical nomenclatures to the Secretariat once they are updated.

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|)1-1994 | 11-01-1994 | 01-01-1996 | 17-09-1996 | 17-09-1996 | 18-03-1997 | 14-08-1998 | 14-08-1998 | | | Spanish |
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|)3-1995 | 01-03-1995 | 02-1998 | | 13-05-1997 | | | | | | Ethiopia English |
| 2-1997 | 01-01-1998 | 01-01-1998 | | | | | | | | English |
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|)8-1990 | 01-01-1991 | 01-01-1996 | 16-11-1999 (1999) | | | 16-11-1999 (1999) | 16-11-1999 (1999) | 13-01-1998 | | Hungari |
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|)7-1988 | 01-07-1989 | 01-01-1996 | | | | | | | | English |
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| 7-1988 | 11-07-1988 | 01-01-1996 | 07-10-1996 | | 07-01-1997 | | | | | (BLEU I |
|)3-1995 | 31-03-1995 | 15-08-1996 | | | | | | | | Macedo |
| 2-1987 | 01-01-1988 | 01-04-1996 | | | | | | | | French |
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|)9-1991 | 01-01-1993 | 01-07-1996 | | | | | | | | Mongoli Russiar English |
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| 06-1993 | 07-06-1993 | 01-01-1996 | | | 04-06-1997 | | | | | Slovak | |
| 1-1992 | 23-11-1992 | 01-01-1996 | | | 02-06-1997 | | | | | Slovene | |
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| Customs Union | HS 96 Implementation | Acceptance of Recommendations (by date of receipt of the notifications) | | | | | | | | |
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| ity (CARICOM) | | | | | | | | | English | |
| tary Community of AC) | (X) | | | | | | | | French | |
| e Independent States | (X) | | | | | | | | Russian | |
| y of Western African | (X) | | | | | | | | (English) (French) (Portugue | |
| uncil (GCC) | (X) | | | | | | | | Arabic | |
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