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CLASSIFICATION OF THE "PALM V™"

(Item VIII.6 on Agenda)

I. BACKGROUND

1. On 10 March 2000, the Secretariat received from the Administration of Tunisia a request for its opinion on the classification in the Harmonized System of a device known as the Palm V™ connected organizer.
2. The Secretariat communicated the results of its study to the Tunisian Administration by letter dated 24 May 2000. However, in view of the considerable volume of trade in connected organizers and the rapid development of this technology, the Secretariat asked the Administration whether it would like the question to be examined by the HSC.
3. On 12 June 2000, Tunisia notified the Secretariat of its readiness to follow this procedure.

II. DESCRIPTION

Palm-size electronic organizer: 11.5 cm x 7.7 cm x 1 cm. Weight: 115 g. The front of the device incorporates a touch screen with a writing area (a stylus is part of the package) and various function keys. The lithium ion battery that powers the device can be recharged by means of a serial connector when dropped into a cradle. If the battery becomes too weak to power the device, the user has a week in which to recharge it before the data are irretrievably lost. The organizer can be connected to a computer and, after the installation of special software (sold separately on CD ROM), exchange data with it. Similarly, an IR (infrared) port enables it to beam data to other IR-enabled units. Its principal applications are as follows: date book, address book, to-do list, memo pad, calculator and expense record keeper. The device is supplied with a HotSync cradle and battery charger, a metal stylus and spare plastic stylus, data input software, an organizer user manual, a getting started guide, a lithium ion (internal) rechargeable battery, a DB-25 adapter and a protective cover.

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III. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

4. In the light of the above description of the PALM V™, the Secretariat notes that the dimensions of the device meet the criteria of Note 8 to Chapter 84 as regards the term *pocket-size* in heading 84.70.
5. Under General Interpretative Rules 1 and 6, the device in question could therefore be classified individually in subheading 8470.10 as a “pocket-size data recording, reproducing and displaying machine with calculating functions”.
6. The cradle, to which the PALM V™ is not permanently attached, could logically be classified in subheading 8473.21 with parts and accessories of the above-mentioned machines.
7. However, the Secretariat notes that it may also be possible to classify the set formed by the organizer and the other articles (apart from the software which should, at all events, be classified in heading 85.24) with which it is put up for retail sale in subheading 8470.10, by application of General Interpretative Rule 3 (b).

IV. CONCLUSION

8. The Committee is invited to examine the classification of the device at issue in the light of the Secretariat’s comments and specifically, to provide its views as to whether the Palm V™ as put up for retail sale should be classified as a set by application of GIR 3(b).

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PALM V™ CONNECTED ORGANIZER



Palm V™
Connected Organizer

Palm V™
L'Organiseur Connecté

Ideal for those who
like to be perfectly
free to move around



- Sleek ultra-thin anodized aluminium case
- Rechargeable long-life lithium ion battery
- Small and light : 11.5 cm x 7.7 cm x 1 cm, 115 g
- Storage capacity (2 MB) : approximately 6000 addresses, 5 years of appointments, 1500 to-do items, 1500 memos and 200 e-mail messages
- New Palm V™ modem - both analogue and GSM

Mail application support included :

- Lotus cc:Mail v 7.0, 6.0, 2.5
- Microsoft Exchange 4.0 or higher
- Microsoft Outlook Express
- Microsoft Outlook
- Microsoft Windows Messaging 4.0
- Qualcomm Eudora 3.0.1 or higher

Software links and applications available (sold separately) for :

- AOL Mail
- Lotus Notes Mail
- Netscape Mail
- IMAP4 & POP3 Internet Service Providers

PALM V™
Connected Organizer

Product data :

- Size and weight : 11.5 cm x 7.7 cm x 1 cm, 115 g
- Backlit screen
- Infrared
- Storage capacity (2 MB) :
the Palm V™ organizer stores approximately :
 - 6000 addresses
 - 5 years of appointments (around 3000)
 - 1500 to-do items
 - 1500 memos
 - 200 e-mail messages
- Applications available on the Palm V organizer : Date Book, Address Book, E-Mail, To Do List, Memo Pad, Expense, Calculator, Security, Games and HotSync®
- Applications available on your PC (Palm Desktop) : Date Book, Address Book, E-Mail, To Do List, Memo Pad, Expense : report templates (Excel version 5.0 and higher)
- Desktop import and export formats : CSV, TAB delimited and TXT
- Palm OS 31
- Drag and drop links to Microsoft Word and Excel

Everything you need is included :

- The Palm V™ connected organizer
- HotSync cradle and battery charger
- Metal stylus and spare plastic stylus
- Palm Desktop software
- Palm V™ organizer user manual
- Getting started guide
- Lithium ion (internal) rechargeable battery
- DB-25 adapter
- Cover

System configuration :

- IBM-compatible 486 PC or higher
- Windows 95/98 or Windows NT 4.0
- 8 MB RAM minimum (16 MB recommended)
- One available serial port
- Mouse
- 20 MB available hard disk space
- CD ROM drive (diskettes may be ordered)

You will need a modem (optional extra) for mobile e-mail access.

Macintosh compatibility :

PalmMacpac required (sold separately). Mail and Expense conduits available as third-party optional solutions (sold separately).