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AMENDMENTS OF THE EXPLANATORY NOTE TO HEADING 85.18

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Reference documents :

NR0089E1 (RSC/21)

NC0338B2, Annex A/XI (HSC/26)

NC0182E1 (HSC/25)

NC0340E2, Annex F/11 (HSC/26 – Report)

NC0282E1 (HSC/26)

NC0380E1 (HSC/27)

I. BACKGROUND

1. After the preparation of Doc. NC0380E1, the Secretariat received the following Note from the Russian Administration concerning the amendments to the Explanatory Note to heading 85.18.

II. NOTE FROM THE RUSSIAN ADMINISTRATION

2. "(...) The Russian Customs Administration considered the proposed wording for the amendments to the Explanatory Note to heading 85.18. Please find below our comments.
3. As the list of elements making up the apparatus at issue is not full, for example, the connecting wires are not mentioned, and that the power pack of the system can be of another construction, we suggest to retain the adverb "generally" in the text. The function of recording or sound reproducing is not mentioned in the text given in the Annex A/XI to Doc. NC0338B2 – HSC/26/Nov. 2000, thus if the system provides such or any other function in addition to hearing the sounds of the foetus' or mother's heartbeat it should be considered as another apparatus.
4. To clarify the classification of the apparatus at issue and taking into account that "electronic diagnostic foetal monitors" had not been examined by the HSC we suggest to leave the exclusion of the professional medical electro-diagnostic apparatus in the text of amendments to the Explanatory Note to heading 85.18, but the above-mentioned phrase should be deleted and replaced by the phrase "foetal electro-diagnostic apparatus".

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III. CONCLUSION

5. The Committee is invited to take the above Russian comments into account when discussing this agenda item.
