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POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF THE EXPLANATORY NOTE
TO HEADING 84.71 WITH REGARD TO "READERS WHICH DECODE DATA
INSCRIBED ON CARDS OR TAPE"

(Item IX.5 on Agenda)

Reference Documents :

42.448 (HSC/22)
42.508 (HSC/22)
NC0160E2, Annex G/17 (HSC/24 – Report)

I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 24th Session in October 1999, the Harmonized Systems Committee examined Doc. 42.448, "Possible Amendments to the Explanatory Note to Heading 84.71". Following its discussion, the Committee requested the Secretariat to prepare separate documents for the classification of twelve products. It also agreed to delete from the Explanatory Notes references to a number of products. However, at one delegate's request, the reference to "readers" was placed in square brackets as requiring further study (see Annex G/17 to Doc. NC0160E2).
2. The Secretariat requested and received information on these products through the assistance of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). Having received no input from administrations, the following represents the Secretariat's view on the possible retention of the reference to "readers which decode data inscribed on cards or tapes" in the Explanatory Notes.

II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

3. The readers at issue decode data inscribed on cards or tape. Neither the Secretariat nor the ICC have been able to find a manufacturer of these products or even information as to the continued existence in trade of these products. These readers have been replaced by keyboards, monitors and the like.

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III. CONCLUSION

4. Consequently, the Secretariat would recommend deleting the item for “readers which decode data inscribed on cards or tapes” from the Explanatory Note to heading 84.71.
 5. The Committee is asked to decide whether it can agree to the deletion of this item from the Explanatory Notes.
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