



HARMONIZED SYSTEM  
COMMITTEE

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## DRAFT CORRIGENDUM AMENDMENT TO THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM

(Item II.12 on Agenda)

### Reference documents :

38.760 Annex H/24, (HSC/13 – Report)	NC0090E2 Annex Q, (HSC/23 – Report )
39.606 Amendments to the HS Nomenclature by Corrigendum	NG0017B1 Council Recommendation of 25 June 1999
39.650 Minutes of the 85 <sup>th</sup> /86 <sup>th</sup> Sessions of the Council	NS0014E2 Annex A/7 and B/4, (SSC/15 – Report)
	NR0101E2 Annexes B/2 and E/4 (RSC/21 - Report)

### I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 15<sup>th</sup> Session, the Scientific Sub-Committee noted that the reference to “polyethelene glycol” in the French version should be in the singular (i.e. polyéthylène glycol) and agreed that the new text of subheading 3404.20, as amended in the context of the HS 2002 amendments, should be redrafted accordingly (see paragraph 4 of Annex A/7 to Doc. NS0014E2, SSC/15 – Report). At the same time, the Sub-Committee approved the amendments to the relevant parts of the Explanatory Notes and the Compendium of Classification Opinions (see Annex B/4 to Doc. NS0014E2). Subsequently, the Review Sub-Committee at its 21<sup>st</sup> Session approved these amendments without modification (see Annexes B/2 and E/4 to Doc. NR0101E2, RSC/21 - Report).

### II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

2. The Secretariat would recall that the Harmonized System Committee at its 13<sup>th</sup> Session in April 1994 discussed the general question of amending the Harmonized System with regard to minor changes not affecting its substance.

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3. With regard to the principle, the Committee decided unanimously to amend the HS via the corrigendum procedure and to include such amendments in a future Recommendation based on Article 16 of the HS Convention. Also, in addition to the mailing of the final Report, the Secretariat was instructed to send a letter to all Council Members and Contracting Parties to the Harmonized System Convention informing them of the decisions taken unanimously and of the texts adopted (Annex H/24 to Doc. 38.760, HSC/13 – Report).
4. The editorial amendments concerned were finalised after the 15<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee in April 1995 and approved by the Council at its 85<sup>th</sup>/86<sup>th</sup> Sessions (see paragraphs 218 to 220 of Doc. 39.650); they were included in the new published version of the HS (see Doc. 39.606) and entered into force on 1 January 1996. However, as decided by the Committee, they were also included in the Council Recommendation of 25 June 1999.
5. Having regard to above, the Secretariat suggests that any necessary minor editorial amendments to the Nomenclature could again be made by corrigendum and that these amendments, as has been done in the past, could be included in a future Council Recommendation to amend the HS.
6. The amendment to the HS Nomenclature drafted on the basis of the observation of the Scientific Sub-Committee (see paragraph 1 above) is set out in the Annex to this document. If administrations have found any other minor editorial errors in the Council Recommendation of 25 June 1999, they are invited to report such errors to the Secretariat by 15 May 2000 for correction by the corrigendum procedure.
7. In this connection, the Secretariat would also like to request the Committee to give it an instruction to submit such corrigendum amendments to the Council in July 2000 on its own initiative, in view of the editorial the nature of the amendments.

### III. CONCLUSION

8. The Committee is invited to adopt the amendment to be made to the Nomenclature (2002 version) by corrigendum, as set out in the Annex hereto.
9. The Committee is also invited to express its views with regard to the Secretariat's proposal in paragraph 7 above.

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ANNEXE  
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PROJET DE CORRIGENDUM  
AMENDEMENT DU SYSTEME HARMONISE  
(Point II.12 de l'ordre du jour )

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ANNEX  
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DRAFT CORRIGENDUM  
AMENDMENT TO THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM  
(Item II.12 on Agenda)

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A EFFECTUER PAR VOIE DE CORRIGENDUM

AMENDEMENTS DE LA NOMENCLATURE DU SYSTEME HARMONISE

Doc. NG0017B1 (Recommandation du 25 juin 1999)

CHAPITRE 34.

N° 3404.20.

Remplacer "glycols" par "glycol".

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TO BE MADE BY CORRIGENDUM

AMENDMENTS TO THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM NOMENCLATURE

Doc. NG0017B1 (Recommendation of 25 June 1999)

CHAPTER 34.

Subheading 3404.20.

French text only.

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