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AMENDMENT OF THE SUBHEADING EXPLANATORY NOTES CONCERNING
SUBHEADINGS 2932.29 AND 2933.79

(Item II. 4 on Agenda)

Reference documents :

NC0315E1 (HSC/26)
NC0340E2, Annex H/8 (HSC/26 – Report)

I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 26th Session, the Harmonized System Committee unanimously agreed to seek the advice of the Scientific Sub-Committee with regard to the above-referenced issue (Annex H/8 to Doc. NC0340E2). The comments of the Mexican Administration in respect of its proposal and the Secretariat comments were reflected in Doc. NC0315E1.

II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

2. In Doc. NC0315E1 (Secretariat's comments) the Secretariat indicated that it agreed, as explained by the Mexican Administration, that the subheading texts in question were in appropriate in the light of valence values and thereafter proposed alternative amendments to the Explanatory Notes (paragraphs 10 and 12, Doc. NC0315E1).
3. However, upon further study, the Secretariat has realised that it is possible to join a lactone or lactam group by two or more rings when the relevant molecule has a bridged structure. It is therefore the view of the Secretariat that the present texts in respect of the Subheading Explanatory Notes to subheadings 2932.29 and 2933.79 need not be amended.

III. CONCLUSION

4. The Sub-Committee is invited to give its views with regard to the Mexican proposal, as set out in Doc. NC0315E1, taking the Secretariat's revised views into account.

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