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POSSIBLE AMENDMENT TO THE EXPLANATORY NOTE TO HEADING 96.01

(Item IX.31 on Agenda)

Reference documents :

- 41.800 (HSC/17)
- 41.920, Annex B/4 and D/2 (RSC17- Report)
- 42.100, Annexes F/1 and M/6 (HSC/21 - Report)

I. BACKGROUND

1. On 27 January 1999, the Secretariat received the following note from the Swiss Administration:
2. "In response to a Swiss proposal of 15 July 1997, at its 21<sup>st</sup> Session the Committee adopted amendments to the legal texts (Note 3 to Chapter 5) and to the Explanatory Notes (heading 05.07) concerning ivory (Doc. 42.100, Annex F/1). The term "ivory" is, however, also defined in Chapter 96.
3. The Swiss Administration therefore proposes that the following amendment be made, by corrigendum, to Item (I) in the Explanatory Note to heading 96.01 : After "elephant," **add** the term "**hippopotamus**," and, in the French text, replace the word "matière" by "**substance**" ."

II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

4. When the Harmonized System Committee at its 21<sup>st</sup> Session examined questions arising from the Report on the Review Sub-Committee's 17<sup>th</sup> Session, it agreed to insert "hippopotamus" in Note 3 to Chapter 5 to clarify that teeth of the hippopotamus were tusks.

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5. The Committee also agreed to insert a similar reference in Item (A)(1) of the Explanatory Note to heading 05.07 and to use the term “substance” instead of “matter” in the introductory sentence of Item (A) of that Note (page 40). At the suggestion of the Delegate of the EC, the Committee agreed that these amendments to the Explanatory Note heading 05.07 should be made by Corrigendum.
6. The Secretariat therefore has no objections to the Swiss proposal since it is aimed at harmonizing the Explanatory Note to heading 96.01 with the amendments already adopted at the Committee’s 21<sup>st</sup> Session. Moreover, the Secretariat is of the opinion that these amendments should also be made by Corrigendum.

### III. CONCLUSION

7. The Committee is invited to examine the Swiss proposal set out in the Annex to this document.

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ANNEXE

MODIFICATION EVENTUELLE DE LA NOTE EXPLICATIVE DU N° 96.01

(Point IX.31 de l'ordre du jour)

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A EFFECTUER PAR VOIE DE CORRIGENDUM

MODIFICATION DES NOTES EXPLICATIVES

Page 1722. N° 96.01. Troisième paragraphe. Alinéa I).

Remplacer “matière” par “substance” et ajouter “d’hippopotame,” après “d’éléphant,”.

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TO BE MADE BY CORRIGENDUM

AMENDMENT OF THE EXPLANATORY NOTES

Page 1722. Heading 96.01. Third paragraph. Item (l).

Insert "hippopotamus," after "elephant,".

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