



HARMONIZED SYSTEM
COMMITTEE
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RECOMMENDATION OF 25 JUNE 1999 CONCERNING AMENDMENTS
TO THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM
(Item II.4 on Agenda)

I. NOMENCLATURE AMENDMENTS

1. As already notified to all Members of the Committee on 10 January 2000, the Secretariat was informed, under Article 16 (2) of the HS Convention, of objections to the following HS amendments set out in the Council Recommendation of 25 June 1999 :
 - New Subheading Note 2 to Chapter 85 and subheadings 8524.31 to 8524.40, and subheading 8524.91. (United States).
2. As of 1 January 2000, no Contracting Party had notified an objection to the other amendments in the Recommendation. Accordingly, all the recommended amendments will come into force on 1 January 2002 with the exception of the amendments mentioned above.
3. The Secretariat would also draw attention to the fact that the objection referred to above necessitates certain consequential editorial adjustments as indicated in the Annex to this document. These adjustments have been incorporated into certified copies of the accepted amendments (published as Doc. NG0017B1) forwarded to Governments of Contracting Parties to the HS Convention and other Council Members in accordance with Article 19 of the HS Convention. In addition two copies of these amendments have been sent to the Head of Customs of each Contracting Party.

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II. AMENDMENTS TO THE EXPLANATORY NOTES
CONSEQUENTIAL UPON THE AMENDMENTS
MADE TO THE NOMENCLATURE

4. Since some of the amendments to the Nomenclature recommended by the Council were not accepted by the Contracting Parties to the HS Convention, corresponding amendments to the Explanatory Notes proposed by the Review Sub-Committee must be deleted of the Agenda. These deletions to the draft Explanatory Notes are dealt with under Item VI (Doc. NC0182E1).

III. ADDITIONAL CORRECTIONS

5. The attention of the Committee is also drawn to two printing errors in the Council Recommendation, which do not affect the substance of an amendment but should be corrected. On page 89 the title "Subheading 8112.9." (French version : "N° 8112.9.") should read "Subheadings 8112.9 to 8112.99." (French version : "N°s 8112.9 à 8112.99.") and on page 95 the words "Note 3 de sous-positions" in the instructions for new Subheading Note 3 to Chapter 85 should read "Note 2 de sous-position" (French version only). Since these printing errors do not affect actual amendments, the Secretariat has rectified the texts at issue in the certified copies of the accepted amendments (i.e., Doc. NG0017B1).

IV. CONCLUSION

6. The Committee is requested to give its ex post facto approval to the action taken by the Secretariat as indicated in paragraph 3 above and to take note of the steps taken by the Secretariat as indicated in paragraphs 4 and 5 above.

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CONSEQUENTIAL EDITORIAL ADJUSTMENTS TO RECOMMENDED
HS AMENDMENTS

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1. Replace the references to new Subheading Note 3 by references to new Subheading Note 2.
 2. Renumber new Subheading Note 3 as new Subheading Note 2.
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