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AMENDMENTS ARISING FROM THE CLASSIFICATION OF PROPRIETARY STORAGE

FORMATS IN SUBHEADING 8471.70

(Item VI.8 on Agenda)

Reference documents :

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

NC0224E1 (HSC/25)
NC0250E2, Annex IJ/13 (HSC/25 – Report)

I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 25th Session, the Harmonized System Committee examined the classification of proprietary storage formats.
2. It unanimously decided to classify the proprietary storage formats in heading 84.71, subheading 8471.70.
3. Following this decision, the Secretariat was instructed to prepare an amendment to the Explanatory Note to heading 84.71 to clarify the classification of the devices at issue, taking into account (i) that these apparatus could be in the form of internal as well as external devices, and (ii) that the word “additional” should be retained in the description of the devices.

II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

4. In accordance with the Committee’s instructions, the Secretariat has prepared the draft amendment to the Explanatory Note to heading 84.71 set out in the Annex to this document. The word “additional” has been inserted before the references to “data storage devices” (the term “supplémentaire” has been inserted “unités” and “de stockage de données” in the French version).

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III. CONCLUSION

5. The Committee is invited to approve the draft amendment to the Explanatory Note to heading 84.71 once it has been finalized by the preessional Working Party.

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ANNEXE

MODIFICATION DE LA NOTE EXPLICATIVE DU N° 84.71
EN VUE DE REFLETER LE CLASSEMENT DES UNITES DE MEMOIRE A FORMAT
SPECIFIQUE DANS LE N° 8471.70
(Point VI.8 de l'ordre du jour)

ANNEX

AMENDMENTS TO THE EXPLANATORY NOTE TO HEADING 84.71
TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE CLASSIFICATION OF
PROPRIETARY STORAGE FORMATS IN SUBHEADING 8471.70
(Item VI.8 on Agenda)

MODIFICATION DES NOTES EXPLICATIVES
A EFFECTUER PAR VOIE DE CORRIGENDUM

CHAPITRE 84.

Page 1406. N° 84.71. Deuxième alinéa. Rubrique 2).

A la fin du texte, ajouter le texte suivant :

“Appartiennent également à ce groupe, les unités supplémentaires de stockage de données (unités de mémoire à format spécifique), destinées à être installées à l'intérieur de machines automatiques de traitement de l'information, ou à l'extérieur de ces machines et connectées à celles-ci, auquel cas il s'agit d'unités portables et connectables à la machine grâce à un port parallèle ou via une connexion SCSI ou USB. Ces unités peuvent se présenter sous la forme de lecteurs de disques (disques magnétiques, disques CD-R (CD enregistrables) ou disques CD-RW (CD effaçables et enregistrables)) ou de bandes magnétiques. Les disques et les bandes ont une capacité de mémoire variant entre 40 Mo et 2 Go et se présentent sous une forme particulière qui les rend utilisables uniquement avec les appareils construits par le même fabricant.”

AMENDMENTS TO THE EXPLANATORY NOTES
TO BE MADE BY CORRIGENDUM

CHAPTER 84.

Page 1406. Heading 84.71. Second paragraph. Item (2).

Insert the following text at the end of the text :

“This group also includes additional data storage devices known as “proprietary storage formats”, whether for internal installation in an automatic data processing machine or for external use with such machines, in which case they are portable and connectable to the machine through the parallel port, or through an SCSI or USB connection. The devices may be in the form of drives for discs (magnetic discs or CD-R (CD-Recordable) or CD-RW (CD-Rewritable) discs) or for magnetic tape. The discs and tapes have storage capacities ranging from 40 Mbytes to 2 Gbytes, and have a specific form which can only be used with the appliances of the same producer.”
