



HARMONIZED SYSTEM  
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27<sup>th</sup> Session  
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CLASSIFICATION OF A REINFORCEMENT GRID CALLED "FORTRAC 35/35-40"

(Item VIII.12 on Agenda)

Reference documents :

NC0318E1 (HSC/26)  
NC0340E2, Annex H/10 (HSC/26 - Report)

I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 26<sup>th</sup> Session, the Harmonized System Committee examined the classification of a "FORTRAC" reinforcement grid.
2. The issue regarding the product's classification was whether, for the application of Note 2 (a) (3) to Chapter 59, the expressions "completely embedded in plastics" and "entirely coated or covered with such material" referred only to the textile yarn making up the fabric, or to the entire surface of the fabric, if it contained "open" parts of varying dimensions.
3. The majority of delegates who took the floor felt that, in order to meet the conditions of the above-mentioned Note 2 (a) (3), it was enough for the fabric to be coated or covered and any "open" parts or openings not coated on the surface of the fabric were of no relevance, it being understood that the coating or covering had to be visible to the naked eye.
4. Certain delegates reported that their administrations had already had occasion to rule on the classification of products similar to the "Fortrac" reinforcement grid and had classified it in subheading 3926.90 by application of Note 2 to Chapter 59.
5. Another delegate, in supporting classification in Chapter 39, referred to the Classification Opinion concerning "Gamma Grip". In that connection, he felt that the product at issue might be classifiable in heading 39.21.
6. After this preliminary exchange of views, the Committee decided to return to this question, on the basis of Doc. NC0318E1, at its next session.

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II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

7. The Secretariat has already commented on this issue in paragraphs 7 and 14 of Doc. NC0318E1 and would like the Committee to consider these comments at the 27<sup>th</sup> Session together with the comments made by delegations at the 26<sup>th</sup> Session as summarized in paragraphs 1 to 6 above.

III. CONCLUSION

8. The Committee is invited to re-examine the classification of the "FORTRAC 35/35-40" reinforcement grid on the basis of Doc. NC0318E1, taking into account the comments above.
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