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AMENDMENT OF THE EXPLANATORY NOTE TO HEADING 56.06
WITH A VIEW TO DEFINING THE SCOPE OF THE EXPRESSION
"CHENILLE YARN"
(Item VII.6 on Agenda)

Reference documents :

NC0148E1 (HSC/24)
NC0250E2, Annex IJ/3 (HSC/25 – Report)
NC0273E1 (HSC/26)
NC0294E1 (HSC/26)
NC0340E2, Annex G/11 (HSC/26 – Report)
NC0430E2, Annex H/3 (HSC/27 – Report)

I. BACKGROUND

1. During its 25th Session, the Harmonized System Committee examined the question of the classification of certain chenille yarns. In addition to preparing two Classification Opinions, the Secretariat was instructed to undertake a study with a view to updating the Explanatory Note to heading 56.06.
2. The study undertaken by the Secretariat was examined by the Committee in the course of its 26th Session. The Committee instructed the Secretariat to prepare a draft amendment to the Explanatory Note on chenille yarn, based on the Committee's indications as mentioned in Annex G/11 to Doc. NC0340E2 and on any additional information that might be supplied by administrations.

II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

3. In keeping with the Committee's instructions and indications provided during the 26th Session, the Secretariat has prepared a draft amendment to the said Explanatory Note. This draft, which was not examined during the 27th Session (see Annex H/3 to Doc. NC0430E2 – Report), appears in the Annex to this document.

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4. At the time of the drafting of this document, no additional information had been received concerning the yarns under examination and the draft amendment of the Explanatory Note concerns only Part (B) "Chenille Yarn".
5. At the 26th Session, it was agreed to maintain the first sentence of the description appearing in Part (B), paragraph 1 of this Explanatory Note, subject to possibly amending the expression "which stand out practically perpendicularly", the wording of which still had to be refined. In view of this, the Secretariat is proposing that the words "which stand out practically perpendicularly" be replaced by the words "that may be practically perpendicular to them", in order to indicate that it is not a question of a particularity that always characterizes chenille yarn.
6. Moreover, the Secretariat is proposing to add as a continuation of this same sentence the fact that the strands are sometimes maintained in loops formed on a hosiery loom, having regard to the samples submitted by Japan and examined by the Committee.
7. In the second sentence, the word "therefore" has been replaced by "in all cases" to indicate clearly that here it is a question of the characteristic aspect of all chenille yarns, no matter how they may be obtained.
8. Furthermore, the ring twister and Raschel knitting machines have been included as examples of special looms in the third sentence, so as to be able to cite the manufacturing process of the samples submitted by Japan.
9. As far as their use is concerned, the various books consulted by the Secretariat indicate that chenille yarns are likely to be used in the manufacture of numerous items, such as two-sided bath mats, bedspreads, rugs, heavy curtains, fringes and tassels.
10. The Secretariat is therefore proposing to complete the third paragraph of Part (B) by adding other examples of the use of chenille yarn, indicating that they are also used in the manufacture of numerous items (furnishing and bedding items, carpets, trimmings, apparel, etc.).

III. CONCLUSION

11. The Committee is invited to examine the amendment of the Explanatory Note to heading 56.06, which appears in the Annex to this document, in the light of the comments made by the Secretariat in paragraphs 3 to 10 above.

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