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## CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN MULTIFUNCTIONAL DIGITAL COPIERS

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### Reference documents :

42.406 (RSC/18)	NC0211E1 (HSC/25)
42.498 (RSC/18)	NC0250E2, Annex H/13 (HSC/25 – Report)
42.500, Annex B/19 (RSC/18 – Report)	NC0300E1 (HSC/26)
42.750, Annex E (HSC/22 – Report)	NC0335E1 (HSC/26)
NR0023E1 (RSC/19)	NC0340E2, Annex G/17 (HSC/26 - Report)
NR0037E1 (RSC/19)	NC0398E1 (HSC/27)
NC0059E1 (HSC/23)	NC0430E2, Annex H/4 (HSC/27 - Report)
NC0090E2, Annex IJ/26 (HSC/23 – Report)	
NC0160E2, Annex H/14 (HSC/24 – Report)	

### I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 27<sup>th</sup> Session in May 2001, the Committee examined the classification of the "Océ 3133". After some discussion, the Committee decided to postpone the classification of the "Océ 3133" to its next session, on the basis of a new document to be presented by the Secretariat that would provide additional information on the nature of the machine, i.e., the precise nature of the options included with the machine.
2. Taking into account the issues raised during the general discussion, the Committee also examined the "Xerox Document Centre 230 DC". The Delegate of Brazil called the Committee's attention to the fact that this machine, as presented, was not connectable to an ADP machine and that, when adapted to be connectable to an ADP machine, it became a different machine, the "Xerox 230 ST". After some discussion, the Committee decided to postpone the classification of this machine to its next session, on the basis of a new document to be presented by the Secretariat that would provide additional information on the nature of the machine, i.e., whether it was connectable to an ADP machine as imported and the difference between the DC and ST models. Administrations were also invited to provide any additional information.

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## II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

3. With the assistance of the ICC, the Secretariat has received further information on the products at issue ("Océ 3133" and the "Xerox Document Centre 230 DC"). This information has been reproduced in Annexes I and II of this document.

## III. CONCLUSION

4. The Committee is invited to rule on the classification of the "Océ 3133" and the "Xerox Document Centre 230 DC" taking into account the further technical information supplied by the manufacturers in Annexes I and II of this document.

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### NOTE FROM OCÉ

“Please find below some additional information as to our multifunctional digital copier as recently requested :

#### **Options :**

Fax board  
Printer & Network board  
Mailbox functionality  
Token Ring connector  
SCSI board for direct PC-scan-to-file via parallel cable  
Additional memory for fax and/or printing  
Battery board for fax- and print memory

#### **Logistics and Technical flow :**

The basic engine and options are manufactured in Japan. Océ imports and stores this machine in a bonded warehouse in Venlo, the Netherlands, without the options.

Customers need to purchase options. These options are assembled in Venlo and exported to the customer, fully operating as a multi-functional device.

The Océ 3133 as a basic engine is marketed without the options and is by virtue not connectable in an ADP environment. However, if options are attached it is, which can be distinguished.

#### **Product Life Cycle :**

The Océ 3133 is in the process of phasing out. As of September this year Océ will not sell any of these models in future.

The successors are a range of multifunctional printers with optional scanners for copying or scan-to-file purposes.

As a result the Océ 3133 does not cover other models that are either printers or multifunctional devices and are distinguishable from basic copiers.”

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NOTE FROM XEROX

**COMPARISON OF THE XEROX 230 DC AND 230 ST PRINTERS**

“The Xerox 230 family of printers is built around a common 30 print per minute laser printing engine. The basic, “laser printer only” version of the engine is marketed as the Xerox 230 LP. This device features a print engine and a digital front end (DFE) connectivity board, which enables the printer to interface with a wide array of computer systems and networks.

Initially, the 230 printer series was offered in a configuration which featured a print engine and a connected digital scanner, but did not have a connectivity board. This configuration was marketed as the 230 DC, or “digital copier”. While the 230 DC did not feature a connectivity board, it features an internal slot for the insertion of such a board, and was designed to be connected, through this DFE board, to the central processing unit of a computer.

The 230 ST is simply a 230 printer which features a scanner, as well as a DFE connectivity board.

The connectivity board, if imported separately, would be classified under HS heading 84.71 as an automatic data processing unit, specifically, a “control and adapter unit”. To the extent this unit is incorporated into the 230 ST, that printer is able to connect directly to the CPU of a computer. The 230 DC is also connectable to a CPU, through another ADP “unit” - specifically, the DFE connectivity board.

As a final point, the Committee may be interested to know that the Xerox 230 DC is no longer in production and order-taking for it ceased some time ago. It is our understanding that the last few orders were taken in 2000.”

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