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### CLASSIFICATION OF THE PALM VTM

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#### Reference documents:

NC0310E1 (HSC/26) NC0340E2, Annex H/6 (HSC/26 – Report) NC0397E1 (HSC/27) NC0430E2, Annex H/14 (HSC/27 – Report) NC0455E1 (HSC/28)

### I. BACKGROUND

1. After the publication of Doc. NC0455E1, the Secretariat received the following note from the Polish Customs Administration concerning the classification of the PALM V™.

## II. NOTE FROM POLAND

- 2. "The Polish Customs Administration informs the Secretariat that it classifies the PALM V<sup>™</sup> in subheading 8471.30.
- 3. This classification was established on the basis of GIR 1, Note 5 (A) to Chapter 84 and GIR 6.
- 4. In the Polish Administration's opinion, the PALM V<sup>™</sup> palm-top is an automatic data processing device. It has a 16 MHz central processing unit and 2 to 8 MB of RAM (depending on the type). One part of the memory is permanently in use for the operating system and the other part, which is free, serves for writing new applications according to user needs.
- 5. The palm-top has its own operating system which, after introducing a source code, may be freely programmed allowing changes in device functionality. Additional device equipment with an analogue modem enables it to be connected to an analogue line or GSM telephone.

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Such a set up makes it possible, for example, to send e-mail messages, files and faxes directly from the palm-top.

6. This palm-top fulfils the criteria of Note 5 (A)(a) to Chapter 84, meaning that it is an automatic data processing machine covered by heading 84.71."

# III. CONCLUSION

7. The Committee is invited to take account of the comments by the Polish Administration when examining this Agenda item.