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#### **CLASSIFICATION OF GROUNDING RODS**

(Item VIII.17 on Agenda)

#### Reference documents:

NC0307E1 (HSC/26) NC0396E1 (HSC/27) NC0582E1 (HSC/29) NC0430E2 , Annex H/3 (HSC/27- Report) NC0453E1 (HSC/28)

### I. BACKGROUND

1. After the preparation of Doc. NC0582E1, the Secretariat received the following additional comments from the Argentine Administration on 17 April 2002.

#### II. NOTE FROM THE ARGENTINE ADMINISTRATION

2. "The Argentine Administration wishes to inform you that it has studied two types of grounding rods, one of which (called "copper grounding rods with accessories") is described in Doc. NC0396E1 and corresponds to that for which the Brazilian Administration requests classification. The other differs in that it is fitted with a piece of conductor, welded to the rod to be grounded, which is the binding element between the circuit and the ground with the aim of eliminating the contact resistance produced by the connectors (as the damage caused by this resistance to the plant of which the grounding equipment is going to be part is often unknown)."

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#### III. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

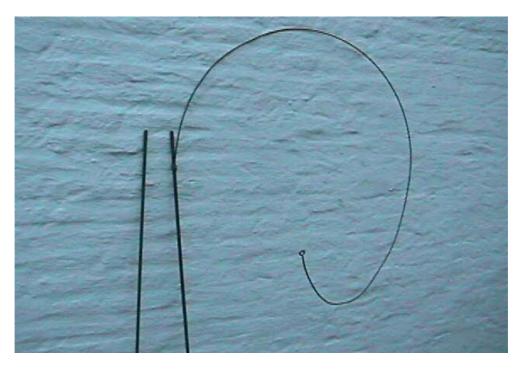
3. Given the late arrival of this correspondence, the Secretariat has only reproduced the relevant parts of Argentina's comments and the photographs describing the various products at issue (see Annex to this document), without making its own comments. Colour photographs of these articles will be made available for examination by delegates during the meeting.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

4. The Committee is invited to take account of the additional comments by Argentina when examining this Agenda item.

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## Photographs submitted by Argentina



No. 1 : We can see the two types of grounding rods studied. The one at the right has a welded conductor section.



No. 2: We can clearly see the above mentioned welding.



No. 3: We can clearly see the above mentioned welding.



No. 4: We can clearly see the above mentioned welding.



No. 5: We can see the cone shape end of the rod with which the rod will be grounded.