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Reference documents :

NC0312E1 (HSC/26)	NC0510E2, par. 41 and 42 (HSC/28 – Report)
NC0340E2, par. 48 and 49 (HSC/26 – Report)	NC0521E1 (HSC/29)
NC0353E1 (HSC/27)	NC0590E2, par. 40 to 42 (HSC/29 – Report)
NC0430E2, par. 44 to 46 (HSC/27 – Report)	NC0599E1 (HSC/30)
NC0444E1 (HSC/28)	NC0655E2, par. 49 to 51 (HSC/30 – Report)

I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 30<sup>th</sup> Session, the Committee was informed about the Harmonized System related publications on the WCO Web sites for the public and for Members, respectively, including a presentation of the various sources of information available to the public.

II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

**Public Web site**

2. During the intersession, the following items were published or updated on the public Web site :
  - (i) Harmonized System Nomenclature (new publication – free of charge);
  - (ii) List of Contracting Parties and countries applying the Harmonized System (updating);
  - (iii) Decisions of the 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee (Classification Rulings and amendments to the Explanatory Notes and to the Compendium of Classification Opinions) (new publication);
  - (iv) Documentation database (new publication – free of charge);

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- (v) General information on WCO Recommendations related to the Harmonized System Convention (updating); and
  - (vi) List with e-mail addresses of Harmonized System officials in Customs administrations (updating).
3. With respect to the list with e-mail addresses of Harmonized System officials in Customs administrations, the Secretariat would like to invite administrations to verify the data contained in the list (which is reproduced in the Annex to this document), and, if necessary, to inform the Secretariat about any data that needs to be updated. In addition, officers of Customs administrations having e-mail connections but not listed, are invited to inform the Secretariat whether they wish to be included in this publication.
4. In February 2003, the Secretariat launched the documentation database. This database provides access to the historical documentation (working documents and reports) of the Harmonized System Committee of the WCO and will be updated periodically with the working documents and reports of the latest meetings of the Harmonized System Committee and its Sub-Committees. Historical documents from earlier sessions of the Committee will also be added as resources allow. The database does not contain current working documents relating to questions which are still under examination by the Harmonized System Committee. Working documents and reports of the HS Working Parties (Groups) and Sub-Committees are included in this database until the Harmonized System Committee and/or the Council have concluded their examination of the questions. Furthermore, this database does not contain WCO publications relating to the Harmonized System, which are offered for sale to the public, and/or are made available on the WCO Web site to paying subscribers.

#### **Members Web site**

5. During the intersession, the following items were published or updated on the Members Web site :
- (i) Technical Assistance programme for the year 2002/2003 (publication); and
  - (ii) List with the names of the Secretariat officers in charge of Nomenclature (updating).

### **III. CONCLUSION**

6. The Committee is invited (i) to take note of the developments vis-à-vis WCO's publications on the Internet, as referred to in paragraphs 2 to 5 above, and (ii) to inform the Secretariat about any lacking or incorrect information in the above-referenced publications.

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**E-mail addresses of officials responsible for Harmonized System matters  
in national administrations**

This list contains e-mail addresses of officials responsible for Harmonized System (HS) matters in national administrations, which may advise you in matters related to HS classification, rulings taken by the HS Committee and matters of a general policy. In some cases office e-mail addresses are indicated, in addition to or in lieu of the officer's e-mail address.

The list also contains the e-mail address of the Tariff and Trade Affairs Directorate of the WCO.

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