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# AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPENDIUM OF CLASSIFICATION OPINIONS AND THE EXPLANATORY NOTES ARISING FROM THE CLASSIFICATION OF A HYDRAULIC SALT/SAND SPREADER IN SUBHEADING 8479.10

(Item VII.10 on Agenda)

#### Reference documents:

NC0576E1 (HSC/29) NC0655E2, Annex H/14 (HSC/30/Nov.02- Report)

#### I. BACKGROUND

- 1. At its 30<sup>th</sup> Session, the Harmonized System Committee (HSC) examined the classification of a hydraulic salt/sand spreader for clearing snow from roads.
- 2. The Committee decided by 33 votes to 3 to classify the machine at issue in subheading 8479.10 by application of GIRs 1 and 6, after agreeing unanimously that the machine was covered by the expression "machinery for public works, building or the like".
- 3. In order to reflect this decision, the Committee instructed the Secretariat to prepare a draft Classification Opinion and a draft amendment to Part (D) of the Explanatory Note to heading 84.79 for examination, in the first instance, by the next presessional Working Party.

#### II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

4. In accordance with the Committee's instructions, the Secretariat has prepared two draft texts: (1) a Classification Opinion reflecting the decision taken by the Committee and, (2) amendments to be made to the Explanatory Notes with a view to clarifying the classification of the machine concerned. The two texts proposed by the Secretariat are set out at the Annex hereto.

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### III. CONCLUSION

5. The Committee is invited to examine the proposed amendments to the Compendium of Classification Opinions and Explanatory Notes, respectively, once the texts have been finalised by the pre-sessional Working Party.

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