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POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF THE EXPLANATORY NOTES TO
CLARIFY THE CLASSIFICATION OF SHEET-FED PRESSES
(PROPOSAL BY THE JAPANESE ADMINISTRATION)

(Item IX.8 on Agenda)

Reference documents :

NR0353E1 (RSC/27)
NR0400E1, Annex D/2 (RSC/27 – Report)

I. BACKGROUND

1. At the 27th Session of the Review Sub-Committee, the Delegate of **Japan** explained his administration's proposal to amend the Explanatory Note to clarify the classification of sheet-fed presses. He referred to the present Explanatory Note to heading 84.43 on page 1508, wherein the last part of present item (C) explained two different methods used by rotary presses to deliver paper. **Japan** had proposed to identify those two kinds of paper delivery methods separately by creating new sub-items (1), i.e., for reel-fed presses and (2), for sheet-fed presses, under present item (C) on page 1508, in order to clarify the printing mechanism for rotary presses.
2. Several delegates expressed support for the **Japanese** proposal. One delegate agreed with the Secretariat that this proposal should be submitted to the Harmonized System Committee for consideration under the Corrigendum procedure, on the basis of a precise description of the machine(s) which the **Japanese** Administration was trying to cover by this proposed amendment.
3. The Sub-Committee concluded its discussions on this agenda item by agreeing that the issue was, in the first instance, one for the HS Committee to consider on the basis of a revised proposal to be submitted to the Secretariat by the **Japanese** Administration based on the 2002 version of the Explanatory Notes. In addition, **Japan** was requested to submit technical literature on the type of machines it wished to cover by its proposal.

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4. On 14 April 2003, the Secretariat received a note from the Japanese Administration containing the revised proposal, as well as technical illustrations of reel-fed presses and sheet-fed presses.

II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

5. The Secretariat has set out the revised proposal and the technical illustrations in Annexes I and II to this document, respectively.

III. CONCLUSION

6. The Committee is invited to examine the Japanese proposal to amend the Explanatory Note to heading 84.43 set out in Annex I, taking into account the rationale provided in paragraph 1 above and the technical illustrations provided in Annex II to this document.

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