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CLASSIFICATION OF YARN PUT UP IN HANKS

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Reference documents :

NC0638E1 (HSC/30)
NC0655E2, Annex H/24 (HSC/30 – Report)

NC0698E1 (HSC/31)

I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 30th Session, the Committee examined the classification of a yarn put up in hanks, and agreed that the only question to be dealt with was whether the hank concerned was cross-reeled.
2. At the end of the discussions, the Committee decided to have four additional samples of the product concerned examined by experts from volunteer administrations, namely **Canada**, the **United States**, **Finland (EC)** and **Mexico**, and to continue with its examination of the classification of this product at the next session, on the basis of the views to be communicated to the Secretariat by the administrations concerned during the intersession (see Annex H/24 to Doc. NC0655E2, paragraphs 5 and 6).
3. The comments and observations from the **Canadian** Administration were reproduced in the Doc. NC0698E1. The comments from the **United States**, **Finland** and **Mexico**, which were received after the preparation of this document, are reproduced below.

Note : Shaded parts will be removed when documents are placed on the WCO documentation database available to the public.

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II. COMMENTS FROM FINLAND, THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

FINLAND

Customs laboratory :

4. "My answer to the question whether or not the product at issue constitutes a cross-reeled hank is : This hank is a cross-reeled hank.

5. Reasons for my opinion are as follows :

HS Explanatory Notes, Section XI, footnote * for Note 4, page 921 :

6. *Cross-reeling indicates that in building up the hank the thread crosses diagonally as the hank being wound, preventing the hank from being split. Cross-reeling is the method usually adopted when the hanks are for dyeing.*

7. The thread (yarn) crosses diagonally in this hank (the sample). On the surface of the hank the thread (yarn) seems to run straight but after spreading the hank one can see that the thread (yarn) does cross diagonally. The hank can not be splitted or divided.

8. *Method for dyeing* : the (sample) cross-reeled hank is already dyed but it is possible to sell a dyed cross-reeled hank to a customer for further processing.

Section XI, Footnote *** after Table II, page 921 :

9. *The hanks or skeins comprising several smaller hanks or skeins separated by dividing threads are formed of one continuous length of yarn which, on being cut, allows the component hanks or skeins to be readily separated. One or more dividing threads pass between the skeins and keep them separate from each other. These smaller hanks and skeins are often wrapped round with paper bands. Other hanks and skeins of one continuous length, or yarn with dividing threads which do not separate the main hank or skein into smaller hanks or skeins of uniform weight, but are simply intended to prevent tangling during processing (e.g., dyeing) are not regarded as put for retail sale.*

10. This cross-reeled hank (the sample) is divided into two smaller hanks or skeins with dividing threads. Nevertheless these two smaller hanks or skeins are not separate because the yarn is laid diagonally partly in the first smaller hank or skein and partly in the second smaller hank or skein (i.e., between the two smaller hanks or skeins). Whereas in an ordinary hank or skein which can be divided into two separate smaller hanks or skeins the first half of the yarn is laid parallel in one skein and the other half is laid parallel in the other skein.

11. The weights of the two smaller hanks or skeins (of the sample) are not uniform : one contains circa 315 yarns and the other circa 618 yarns. The dividing threads are intended to prevent tangling and this cross-reeled hank (the sample) can not be regarded as "put up for retail sale" (See Section XI, Note 4 A c in the CN, the English language version, page 351)."

UNITED STATES**Laboratory report :**

12. "Based on our examination, we are of the opinion that the submitted hank sample is composed of cross-reeled yarns.
13. A careful observation of any two selected single yarns in the hank lying next to each other, shows that they do not wind parallel to each other, instead, they separate and change directions.
14. When the yarns of the hank are gently pulled in opposite directions, the hank does not divide into two hanks, instead, the hank gets entangled and what you see is a web of yarns crossing each other from right to left and left to right."

MEXICO**"Consultation WCO about the yarn cross-reeled skein :**

15. Notes of Section XI Textile materials and fabrics, take into account for present criteria :

Note 4 (A)

For the purposes of Chapters 50, 51, 52, 54 and 55, the expression "Put up for retail sale" in relation to yarn means, subject to the exceptions in paragraph (B) below, yarn (single, multiple (folded) or cabled) put up :

(b) in balls, hanks or skeins of a weight not exceeding :

- (ii) 125 g in the case of all other yarns of less than 2050 decitex.

Note 4(B)

Exceptions :

(d) Single, multiple (folded) or cabled yarn of any textile material :

- (i) in cross-reeled hanks or skeins.

16. The sample is dye twisted yarn put in cross-reeled hank, of acrylic synthetic staple fibers, with final "S" twist, measuring 730 decitex and weight 88 g. Doing a visual inspection of the sample, we concluded that this product is a cross-reeled hank, and therefore the subheading to apply is 5509.32.
17. Definitions :

Cross-reeling hank or skein.- Building up the hank the thread crosses diagonally as the hank is being wound, preventing the hank from being split.

Swift.- Turning instrument for holding yarn in skein.

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Hank.- Skein.

Hank.- Unit of measure used in roving or yarn numbering systems which varies according to the branch of the industry.”

III. CONCLUSION

18. The Committee is invited to take the **Finnish**, **US** and **Mexican** Administration's comments into consideration when discussing this Agenda item.
