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1. The Committee is invited to examine the following conclusions reached by the HS Review Sub-Committee at its 28th Session in September 2003. It is to be noted that the comments and observations below are based on the draft Report of the Review Sub-Committee (i.e., Doc. NR0470E1).

Annex B/1 - Decisions taken by the Harmonized System Committee at its 31st Session affecting the work of the Review Sub-Committee

2. The Chairperson briefly summarised the decisions taken by the HSC at its 31st Session and the pending questions affecting the work of the RSC.

3. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annex B/2 - Possible deletion of headings/subheadings with a small volume of trade

4. The Sub-Committee agreed to take a final decision on this matter at its next session. The Secretariat was instructed to amend the list of HS codes to be deleted by not including those codes the retention of which was substantiated by reasons other than solely the need to monitor international trade and also those codes whose retention was requested by more than one administration.

5. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annexes C/1 and F1 - Possible deletion of subheadings 0105.92 and 0105.93 (Proposal by the EC).

6. The Sub-Committee unanimously approved the amendments proposed by the EC in the Annex to Doc. NR0406B1, without modification.

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7. The texts approved by the Sub-Committee are reproduced in Annex F/1 to the RSC/28 Report.

8. The Secretariat is of the opinion that the new wording of this text combines the goods of present subheadings 0105.92 and 0105.93 into one subheading 0105.94, and does not entail any other transfer of goods.

9. **The Committee is invited to provisionally adopt the texts approved by the Sub-Committee.**

Annexes C/2 and F/2 - Possible amendment of subheading 0406.40 to cover all "blue-veined" and similar cheese.

10. Subject to minor editorial amendments, the Sub-Committee approved the text proposed by the **United States** in paragraph 9 to Doc. NR0407E1.

11. The texts approved by the Sub-Committee are reproduced in Annex F/2 to the RSC/28 Report.

12. The Secretariat is of the opinion that the new wording of this text does not entail any transfer of goods.

13. **The Committee is invited to provisionally adopt the texts approved by the Sub-Committee.**

Annex C/3 - Possible amendments to the Nomenclature regarding the classification of waffles.

14. After a short exchange of views, the Sub-Committee agreed to maintain the status quo and not to amend subheading 1905.32.

15. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annexes C/4 and F/6 - Possible amendments to the Nomenclature with regard to the Rotterdam Convention.

16. Subject to certain modifications, the Sub-Committee unanimously approved the proposed amendments to the Nomenclature with regard to the Rotterdam Convention.

17. The texts approved by the Sub-Committee are reproduced in Annex F/6 to the RSC/28 Report.

18. The Secretariat is of the opinion that the amended text entails the transfer of products within Chapters 25, 28, 29, 38 and 68, and does not entail any other transfer of goods.

19. **The Committee is invited to provisionally adopt the texts approved by the Sub-Committee.**

Annex C/5 - Possible grouping of all products covered by the Montreal Protocol and the Rotterdam Convention under one heading (Proposal by the **Canadian** Administration).

20. Since there was no support for the **Canadian** approach in the Sub-Committee, the **Canadian** proposal was not further pursued and the Sub-Committee agreed to base the amendments to the Nomenclature with regard to the Rotterdam Convention and the mixtures containing ozone layer depleting substances on the two separate proposals submitted by the **EC** and UNEP, respectively (see Annexes C/4 and C/8 to the RSC/28 Report).

21. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annexes C/6, F/3 and F/4 - Possible amendment of heading 28.23 with regard to titanium dioxide (Proposal by the EC).

22. The Sub-Committee agreed to send the proposed amendments to the Scientific Sub-Committee for response to certain questions.

23. The proposed amendments to the Nomenclature and to the Explanatory Notes, as modified by the Sub-Committee, were placed in square brackets and are set out in Annexes F/3 and F/4 to the RSC/28 Report.

24. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annexes C/7 and F/5 - Possible amendment of the structured nomenclature to heading 29.41 and the Explanatory Notes to Chapter 29 (Proposal by the Mexican Administration).

25. Since the substance of the matter was of a highly technical nature, the Sub-Committee agreed to place the proposed amendments in square brackets and to send them to the Scientific Sub-Committee for response to certain questions.

26. The amendments proposed by the Mexican Administration, placed in square brackets, are set out in Annex F/5 to the RSC/28 Report.

27. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annexes C/8 and F/34 - Possible amendment of the structured nomenclature to heading 38.24 (Proposal by UNEP).

28. Subject to certain modifications, the Sub-Committee approved the proposed amendments.

29. The texts approved are set out in Annex F/34 to the RSC/28 Report.

30. The Secretariat is of the opinion that the amended text entails a transfer of products from subheading 3824.90 to various subheadings within one-dash subheading 3824.7, and a transfer within that one-dash subheading, but does not entail any other transfer of goods.

31. **The Committee is invited to provisionally adopt the texts approved by the Sub-Committee.**

Annex C/9 - Possible creation of a new Subheading Note to Chapter 39 with regard to multi-layered sheets of plastics (Proposal by the Canadian Administration).

32. Since there was no support for the creation of a new Subheading Note to Chapter 39 with regard to multi-layered sheets of plastics, the Sub-Committee agreed not to pursue the Canadian proposal.

33. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annexes C/10 and F/7 - Possible amendment of the Nomenclature to Chapter 44 (Proposal by the EC).

34. The Sub-Committee agreed with many of the proposed amendments, subject to certain modifications. The observations of the Sub-Committee with respect to the individual parts of the proposed amendments are set out below.

Subheading 4407.10

35. Many delegates opposed the idea of inserting a reference to specific kinds of pine, spruce and fir in the text of the two proposed new subheadings. They were of the view that for the sake of consistency with other subheadings of Chapter 44 generic names rather than the names of particular species should be included.
36. The **EC** Delegate, on the other hand, indicated that based on the information provided by the industry there was sufficient trade mainly in the specific kinds of pine, spruce and fir mentioned in the **EC** proposal. He further explained that inclusion of a reference to these species would satisfy the needs of the trade world-wide. He urged other delegates to consult their domestic manufacturers and traders in order to obtain more information.
37. The Sub-Committee decided to submit the following two options to the HS Committee for decision : (1) to accept the **EC** proposal without modification; (2) to amend the text as proposed by the **EC**, but to include a reference only to generic taxonomic names for pine, spruce and fir.

Subheadings 4411.1 to 4411.99

38. It was decided to place subheadings 4411.12 to 4411.14 in square brackets and to leave it to the Harmonized System Committee to decide. The other proposed subheadings were accepted.

Heading 44.18. Heading text

39. It was decided to place square brackets around the proposed new expression "solid wood panels" in the text of heading 44.18, pending further discussions at the Sub-Committee's next session.

Heading 44.21 and subheadings 4421.10 and 4421.90

40. The Sub-Committee agreed to place the proposed amendments with regard to heading 44.21 and subheadings 4421.10 and 4421.90, as well as the amendments to Note 3 to Chapter 44 and to headings 44.09 and 44.18 in square brackets and to submit this matter for decision to the Harmonized System Committee.
41. The text approved by the Sub-Committee and those placed in square brackets are set out in Annex F/7 to the RSC/28 Report.
42. The Secretariat is of the opinion that the amended text entails the transfer of products within Chapter 44 and does not entail any other transfer of goods.
43. **The Committee is invited to rule on (1) whether the **EC** proposal with respect to subheading 4407.10 should include a reference to particular species or to generic taxonomic names only for pine, spruce and fir, (2) whether or not subheadings 4411.12 to 4411.14 should be deleted from the proposed amendment to subheadings 4411.1 to 4411.99 and (3) whether or not heading 44.21, subheadings 4421.10, 4421.90, Note 3 to Chapter 44 and headings 44.09 and 44.18 should be amended with respect to the possible creation of a new heading for parquet flooring. The Committee is also invited to provisionally adopt the texts approved by the Sub-Committee.**

Annexes C/11 and F/8 - Possible amendment of the Explanatory Note to heading 44.11.

44. The Sub-Committee agreed to accept the alternative proposal by the Secretariat subject to certain modifications.
45. The texts approved by the Sub-Committee are reproduced in Annex F/8 to the RSC/28 Report.
46. **The Committee is invited to adopt the texts approved by the Sub-Committee.**

Annexes C/12 and F/20 - Possible amendment of the definition of newsprint (Proposal by the Indian Administration).

47. Some delegates were in favour of revisiting the issue at the next session of the Sub-Committee. Other delegates suggested that the issue be submitted for decision to the Harmonized System Committee at its 32nd Session.
48. Finally, it was decided that during the examination of the Sub-Committee's Report by the Harmonized System Committee the Committee should look into this matter and, if possible, take a decision, provided the Committee deemed it appropriate.
49. The draft amendment to Note 4 to Chapter 48 that was proposed during the meeting is set out in Annex F/20 to the RSC/28 Report.
50. The Secretariat is of the opinion that the amended text entails the transfer of newsprint produced from re-cycled fibres, the total fibre content of which consists of less than 65 % of wood fibres obtained by a mechanical or chemi-mechanical process, from headings 48.02 and 48.05 to heading 48.01 and does not entail any other transfer of goods.
51. **The Committee is invited to decide on whether or not a reference to "re-cycled fibres" should be inserted in Note 4 to Chapter 48. If so, it is also invited to provisionally adopt the text forwarded by the Sub-Committee.**

Annexes C/13 and F/9 - Revision of Chapters 54 and 55 (Proposal by the EC).

52. Subject to certain modifications, the Sub-Committee approved the amendments proposed by the EC in the Annex to Doc. NR0414E1.
53. The texts approved by the Sub-Committee are set out in Annex F/9 to the RSC/28 Report.
54. The Secretariat is of the opinion that the amended texts entail transfers of products within Chapters 54 and 55, but do not entail any other transfers of goods.
55. **The Committee is invited to provisionally adopt the texts approved by the Sub-Committee.**

Annexes C/14 and F/10 - Possible amendment of the Nomenclature and the Explanatory Note to heading 61.15 (Proposal by the EC).

56. The Sub-Committee decided to leave the entire text in square brackets for re-examination at its next session, on the basis of the comments made by the delegates and in the light of any additional proposals to be put forward by administrations.
57. The texts in square brackets are reproduced in Annex F/10 to the RSC/28 Report.

58. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annexes C/15 and F/11 - Possible creation of a new heading for all vacuum cleaners.

59. The Sub-Committee provisionally approved the draft text prepared by the Secretariat, placing new subheadings 8508.11 and 8508.19 in square brackets for decision at the next session, in the light of the views to be expressed by the Harmonized System Committee. To that end the Secretariat was instructed to prepare a new document reflecting the consensus reached with regard to raising the ceiling for the power of the motor, and the reference to the volume or capacity of the dustbag or other receptacle.

60. As for the Explanatory Notes, the Sub-Committee agreed to delete the sixth paragraph of the draft prepared by the Secretariat, it having been recognised that vacuum apparatus of a kind used for medical, surgical, dental or veterinary purposes generally fell to be classified in Chapter 90 by application of proposed new Note 1 (c) to Chapter 85. The remainder of the draft Explanatory Note was also placed in square brackets for examination at the next session, on the basis of whatever opinions the Committee might express about the draft legal texts.

61. The text approved by the Sub-Committee and those placed in square brackets are set out in Annex F/11 to the RSC/28 Report.

62. The Secretariat is of the opinion that the amended text entails a transfer of vacuum cleaners from present headings 84.79 and 85.09 to new heading 85.08, thereby also changing the scope of subheading 8509.90 ("parts"), but does not entail any other transfers of goods.

63. **The Committee is invited to decide on whether or not a separate subheading should be created for vacuum cleaners having a lower capacity. It is also invited to provisionally adopt the texts approved by the Sub-Committee, and to take note with respect to the matters to be considered by the Sub-Committee at its next session.**

Annexes C/16 and F/12 - Possible amendments to headings 85.35 and 85.36 (Proposal by the EC).

64. The Sub-Committee approved the amendments with respect to the insertion of a reference to "connectors" in headings 85.35 and 85.36. Concern was expressed as to whether connectors for optical fibre bundles or optical fibre cables existed. The relevant part of the heading text was placed in square brackets and forwarded to the Committee for examination and approval.

65. Corresponding amendments were made to the text of proposed subheading 8536.70 and Note 1 (h) to Chapter 90. The Sub-Committee agreed to place these texts in square brackets and to forward the texts to the Harmonized System Committee for examination.

66. The texts approved and those placed in square brackets are set out in Annex F/12 to the RSC/28 Report.

67. The Secretariat is of the opinion that the amended text entails a transfer of connectors for optical fibres, optical fibre bundles or cables from heading 90.01 and from Chapters referring to their constituent materials, to new subheading 8536.70, but does not entail any other transfers of goods.

68. **The Committee is invited to rule on the text in square brackets and, in accordance with its decision, is invited to provisionally adopt the texts submitted by**

the Sub-Committee. The Committee is also invited to provisionally adopt the texts approved by the Sub-Committee.

Annexes C/17 and F/40 - Possible creation of a new heading for semiconductor and flat panel display manufacturing equipment (Proposals by the US Administration and the EC).

69. The Sub-Committee agreed to place the three proposals in square brackets, pending further discussion in the Working Group.

70. The proposal placed in square brackets is reproduced in Annex F/40 to the RSC/28 Report.

71. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annexes C/18 and F/13 - Possible amendments to the structured nomenclature to heading 90.30.

72. The Sub-Committee could not reach a consensus and agreed to send the Secretariat's compromise text in paragraph 5 and the US proposal in paragraph 13, both found in Doc. NR0418E1, as well as the option of maintaining the status quo, to the Committee for consideration.

73. The Secretariat and US texts are set out in Annex F/13 to the RSC/28 Report.

74. The Secretariat is of the opinion that the amended text entails a transfer of certain apparatus with a recording device from subheading 9030.83 to the subheadings of 9030.3, but does not entail any other transfers of goods.

75. **The Committee is invited to rule on whether to maintain the *status quo* or to provisionally adopt one of the texts submitted by the Sub-Committee.**

Annexes C/19 and F/14 - Possible creation of a new Note 4 to Chapter 95 (Proposal by the US Administration).

76. The Sub-Committee agreed that paragraph (a) (amended during the session) and the whole of paragraph (b) should remain in square brackets, for consideration by the Committee. The draft proposed for paragraph (c) was approved, subject to the deletion of the examples in square brackets.

77. A delegate suggested that if the Committee did not maintain paragraphs (a) and (b) in the draft text under examination, it would be logical to replace the expression "*inter alia*" in the introductory phrase by "also".

78. The texts approved, and those placed in square brackets, are reproduced in Annex F/14 to the RSC/28 Report.

79. The Secretariat is of the opinion that the insertion of new Note 4 to Chapter 95 does not entail any transfer of goods.

80. **The Committee is invited (i) to rule on whether to insert paragraphs (a) and (b) of the proposed new Note 4 to Chapter 95 and, in accordance with its decision, is invited to provisionally adopt the texts submitted by the Sub-Committee for consideration and (ii) to provisionally adopt also the texts approved by the Sub-Committee.**

Annexes C/20 and F/42 - Possible amendment of Note 5 to Section XVI (Secretariat proposal).

81. The Sub-Committee agreed to send this item to the Working Group meeting in October, placing the **EC** and Secretariat proposals in square brackets.

82. The proposals placed in square brackets are reproduced in Annex F/42 to the RSC/28 Report.

83. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annexes C/21 and C/22 - Possible amendments of Note 5 to Chapter 84 and of Note 5 to Chapter 85 (Secretariat proposals).

84. Due to lack of time, the Sub-Committee did not discuss these items. They will be discussed at the Sub-Committee's Working Group in October 2003.

85. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annexes C/23, C/24, F/41 and F/43 - Possible combination of headings 85.19 and 85.20 and of headings 85.23 and 85.24 (Secretariat proposal).

86. The Sub-Committee agreed to use the texts drafted by the Informal Group as a basis and to forward these texts to the Working Group of the Review Sub-Committee for its meeting in October 2003.

87. The Informal Group's texts are set out in Annexes F/41 and F/43 to the RSC/28 Report.

88. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annex C/25 - Comprehensive review of the provisionally approved amendments to headings 84.43, 84.69, 85.19, 85.20 and 85.28.

89. The Sub-Committee agreed to finally consider the text at its next session in March 2004.

90. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annex C/26 - Possible amendment of subheading 8525.40 (Proposal by the **US**).

91. Due to lack of time, the Sub-Committee did not discuss this item. It will be discussed at the Sub-Committee's Working Group in October 2003.

92. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annex D/1 - Alignment of the texts of subheading 0210.11 (Proposal by the **Norwegian Administration**).

93. The Sub-Committee agreed that the situation should be clarified in the Explanatory Notes. Accordingly, the Secretariat was instructed to prepare draft amendments to the Explanatory Notes to Chapter 2 to be examined by the Harmonized System Committee at its next session in November 2003.

94. **The Committee is invited to take note of the fact that the possible amendments of the Explanatory Note to Chapter 2 will be considered under Agenda Item VII.10 (Doc. NC0780E1).**

Annexes D/2 and F/15 - Possible amendment of Note 4 (c) to Chapter 30 (Proposal by the EC).

95. The Sub-Committee agreed to place the proposed texts, as modified during the discussion, in square brackets. It also agreed that it would continue the discussion of this issue at its next session taking into account the outcome of consultations with industry.
96. The texts placed in square brackets are set out in Annex F/15 to the RSC/28 Report.
97. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annexes D/3 and F/16 - Possible amendment of the structured nomenclature and Explanatory Note to heading 39.07 regarding poly(lactic acid) (Proposal by the US Administration).

98. The Sub-Committee accepted the creation of a separate new subheading 3907.70 for poly(lactic acid).
99. The Sub-Committee agreed to use the Secretariat's proposal for the amendments to the Explanatory Note to heading 39.07 as a basis for further discussion and, due to the technical nature of the issue, to send it to the Scientific Sub-Committee for examination.
100. The Nomenclature texts approved as well as the Explanatory Notes proposal placed in square brackets are set out in Annex F/16 to the RSC/28 Report.
101. The Secretariat is of the opinion that the amended text entails a transfer of poly(lactic acid) from subheading 3907.99 to new subheading 3907.70, but does not entail any other transfers of goods.
102. **The Committee is invited to provisionally adopt the texts approved by the Sub-Committee and to take note with respect to the proposed amendments of the Explanatory Note to heading 39.07.**

Annexes D/4 and F/31 - Possible amendment of the Nomenclature with respect to bamboo products (Proposal by INBAR).

103. Subject to certain amendments, the Sub-Committee approved the text of amendments with respect to bamboo products.
104. The texts are reproduced in Annex F/31 to the RSC/28 Report.
105. The Secretariat is of the opinion that the amended texts entail the transfer of bamboo products within Chapters 20, 44, 46 to 48 and 94, but do not entail any other transfer of goods.
106. **The Committee is invited to provisionally adopt the texts approved by the Sub-Committee. The Committee is invited to take note that the classification of certain flooring panels will be examined under item VII.9 on Agenda.**

Annexes D/5 and F/17 - Simplification of the textile Chapters (Secretariat proposal) and possible amendments to headings 52.05 and 52.06 (Proposal by the Romanian Administration).

107. The Sub-Committee agreed to place the proposed amendments in square brackets, for examination at its next session.

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108. The texts placed in square brackets are set out in Annex F/17 to the RSC/28 Report.

109. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annexes D/6 and F/18 - Possible amendment of Note 1 to Chapter 95 (Proposal by the Canadian Administration).

110. Subject to certain amendments, the Sub-Committee approved the texts presented in Doc. NR0451E1.

111. The texts approved are set out in Annex F/18 to the RSC/28 Report.

112. The Secretariat is of the opinion that the amended text does not entail any transfer of goods.

113. **The Committee is invited to provisionally adopt the texts approved by the Sub-Committee.**

Annexes D/7 and F/33 - Possible creation of a new Note 8 to Chapter 29 (Proposal by the Canadian Administration).

114. Due to the highly technical nature of the proposal, the Sub-Committee decided to send the matter to the Scientific Sub-Committee for examination.

115. The proposed texts, which were placed in square brackets, are set out in Annex F/33 to the RSC/28 Report.

116. The Committee is invited to take note.

Annex D/8 - Possible creation of a new Note 4 to Chapter 38 (Proposal by the Canadian Administration).

117. At the request of the Canadian Administration, the Sub-Committee agreed to delete this item from the Agenda and from further consideration during this review cycle.

118. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annexes D/9 and F/35 - Possible amendment of heading 39.24 (Proposal by the US Administration).

119. The Sub-Committee agreed with the US proposal to amend the English version of heading 39.24.

120. The texts approved are reproduced at Annex F/35 to the RSC/28 Report.

121. The Secretariat is of the opinion that the amended text does not entail any transfer of goods.

122. **The Committee is invited to provisionally adopt the texts approved by the Sub-Committee.**

Annexes D/10 and F/36 - Possible amendment of heading 84.56 (Proposal by Croatia).

123. The Sub-Committee agreed to place the draft text prepared by the Secretariat in Doc. NR0455E1 in square brackets, and to return to this question at its next session.

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124. The texts in square brackets are reproduced in Annex F/36 to the RSC/28 Report.

125. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annex D/11 - Possible amendments to headings 52.05 and 52.06 (Proposal by the Romanian Administration).

126. This Agenda item was examined in conjunction with the Secretariat proposal to simplify the textile Chapters (see Annex D/5 to the RSC/28 Report).

127. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annex D/12 - Possible amendment of heading 83.05 (Proposal by the Canadian Administration).

128. Given the lack of support for this proposal, the Sub-Committee agreed to drop it from further consideration during this review cycle.

129. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annexes D/13 and F/19 - Possible amendment of the structured nomenclature to headings 68.11 and 68.13 (Proposal by the Swiss Administration).

130. The Sub-Committee agreed to place the proposed text in square brackets for re-examination at its next session.

131. The texts in square brackets are reproduced in Annex F/19 to the RSC/28 Report.

132. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annexes D/14 and F/37 - Possible alignment of the French and English texts of heading 02.10, subheading 0210.9 and heading 76.02, and Classification Opinion 3207.30/1 (Proposal by the EC).

133. The Sub-Committee unanimously approved the EC's proposals for the amendment of the English text of subheading 0210.9 and the French text of Classification Opinion 3207.30/1. The English text of the Explanatory Note to heading 76.02 was aligned on the legal text.

134. The texts approved by the Sub-Committee are reproduced in Annex F/37 to the RSC/28 Report.

135. The Secretariat is of the opinion that the amendment of the legal text does not entail any transfer of goods.

136. **The Committee is invited to provisionally adopt the texts concerning subheading 0210.9, as approved by the Sub-Committee. The Committee is also invited to adopt the amendments of the Explanatory Notes and of the Compendium of Classification Opinions, as approved by the Sub-Committee.**

Annexes D/15 and F/38 - Possible creation of a new Note 4 (I) to Chapter 30 (Proposal by the EC).

137. The Sub-Committee agreed to amend the text of Chapter 30.

138. The texts approved are set out in Annex F/38 to the RSC/28 Report.

139. The Secretariat is of the opinion that the amended text entails transfers of products from Chapters referring to constituent materials to subheading 3006.91, and a transfer from current subheading 3006.80 to subheading 3006.92, but does not entail any other transfer of goods.

140. **The Committee is invited to provisionally adopt the texts approved by the Sub-Committee.**

Annexes D/16 and F/39 - Possible amendment of the Nomenclature to align the French and English texts of heading 84.27 (Proposal by the EC).

141. The Sub-Committee decided to place the draft texts prepared by the Secretariat in Doc. NR0449E1 in square brackets and to return to the question at its next session.

142. The texts placed in square brackets are reproduced in Annex F/39 to the RSC/28 Report.

143. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annex D/17 - Study of a possible milk content limit for products of Chapter 4.

144. Lacking support for the Cameroon proposal, it was agreed that the proposal should not be re-examined at the Sub-Committee's next session (March 2004), unless the HS Committee decided otherwise at its next session (November 2003) after re-examining the classification of "Bonnet Bleu".

145. **The Committee is invited to rule on whether or not the Cameroon proposal should be re-examined at the next session of the Review Sub-Committee, taking into account the outcome of the discussion on the classification of "Bonnet Bleu" (see item VI.1 on Agenda).**

Annexes E/1 to E/6, E/9, E/10, F/21 to F/26, F/29 and F/30, respectively – Possible amendment of the Explanatory Notes to Chapter 84, headings 85.01 to 85.22 and Chapter 90.

146. The Sub-Committee examined the possible amendment of the Explanatory Notes to Chapter 84, headings 85.01 to 85.22 and Chapter 90. Subject to certain modifications, the Sub-Committee approved the texts of the amendments.

147. The texts approved are set out in Annexes F/21 to F/26 and F/29 to F/30 to the RSC/28 Report.

148. **The Committee is invited to adopt the texts approved by the Sub-Committee.**

Annexes E/7, F/27 and F/32 – Possible amendment of the Explanatory Notes to headings 85.23 to 85.48.

149. The Sub-Committee approved amendments of the Explanatory Notes to headings 85.23 to 85.48, except for the proposed amendment of the Explanatory Note to heading 85.25 (Part (D)), which was sent to the Harmonized System Committee for consideration.

150. The proposed text in square brackets is set out in Annex F/32 to the RSC/28 Report, whereas the approved texts are set out in Annex F/27 of the same Report.

151. **The Committee is invited to rule on the text in square brackets as set out in Annex F/32, and to adopt the other texts submitted by the Sub-Committee, as set out in Annex F/27.**

Annexes E/8 and F/28 – Possible amendment of the Explanatory Notes to Chapter 87.

152. The Sub-Committee, while accepting other amendments, decided to place in square brackets the proposed amendment of the Explanatory Note to heading 87.13 concerning the insertion of the expression "mobility scooters", and to submit the matter to the Harmonized System Committee for decision.
153. The text in square brackets and the approved texts can be found in Annex F/28 to the RSC/28 Report.
154. **The Committee is invited to rule on the text in square brackets and to adopt the texts approved by the Sub-Committee.**
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