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POSSIBLE AMENDMENT TO THE EXPLANATORY NOTES TO CHAPTER 39
WITH REGARD TO CERTAIN SANITARY OR HYGIENIC ARTICLES

(Item VI.11 on Agenda)

Reference documents :

NR0224E1 (RSC/25)
NR0265E2, Annex C/14 (RSC/25 – Report)
NC0579E1 (HSC/29)
NC0590E2, Annex IJ/17 (HSC/29 – Report)

NC0640B1 (HSC/30)
NC0655E2, Annex H/15 (HSC/30 – Report)
NC0695E1 (HSC/31)
NC0730E2, Annex H/9 (HSC/32 – Report)

I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 31st Session, the Harmonized System Committee discussed the terms “hygienic”, “sanitary” and “toilet” in Chapter 39. When put to a vote, the Committee decided, by 19 votes to 7, to classify the teats and fingerstalls of plastics in heading 39.24 (subheading 3924.90), by application of General Interpretative Rules 1 and 6. It also agreed to mention the articles classified and the other commodities listed in paragraph 13 of Doc. NC0695E1 (other than crutch tips and grips, the sanitary belts and the syringes) in the Explanatory Notes of the headings at issue (i.e., headings 39.24 and 39.26, respectively). The Secretariat was instructed to prepare the appropriate draft amendments, to be considered by the Committee at its next session.

II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

2. Following the instruction of the Committee, the Secretariat has prepared draft amendments to the Explanatory Notes to headings 39.24 and 39.26, respectively. These drafts are set out in the Annex to this document.

III. CONCLUSION

3. The Committee is invited to examine the draft amendments to the Explanatory Notes to headings 39.24 and 39.26, as set out in the Annex to this document.

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