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CLASSIFICATION OF MULTIFUNCTIONAL DIGITAL COPIERS

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Reference documents :

42.406 (RSC/18)	NR0037E1 (RSC/19)
42.498 (RSC/18)	NC0059E1 (HSC/23)
42.500, Annex B/19 (RSC/18 – Report)	NC0090E2, Annex IJ/26 (HSC/23 – Report)
42.750, Annex E (HSC/22 – Report)	NC0160E2, Annex H/14 (HSC/24 – Report)
NR0023E1 (RSC/19)	NC0243E1 (HSC/25)

I. BACKGROUND

1. The Secretariat received the following Note from the EC concerning the classification of multifunction machines.

II. NOTE FROM THE EC

2. "At its 24th Session and at the Brazilian Administration's suggestion, the Harmonized System Committee examined the classification of multifunctional digital copiers. The EC Delegate informed the Committee that the EC had classified a multifunctional machine performing the functions of printing, faxing, photocopying and scanning in HS subheading 9009.12.
3. The Chairman of the HS Committee asked the EC to submit this classification so that it could be taken into account in the Committee's study on the classification of this type of apparatus and on possible future amendments of the Nomenclature appended to the HS Convention.
4. In response to that request, please find appended a copy of EC Regulation No. 517/1999 of 9 March 1999 concerning the classification of two types of multifunctional apparatus in headings 85.17 and 90.09, respectively, together with a copy of a Judgment of the EC Court of Justice of 9 October 1997 concerning the classification of apparatus such as the "Rank Xerox 3010" and "Rank Xerox 30100" in Combined Nomenclature subdivision 9009 12 00."

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III. SECRETARIAT COMMENT

5. In view of its length, only the product descriptions have been reproduced in the Annex to this document. The other information supplied by the EC will be available for consultation by delegates during the meeting.

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ANNEX

Description of goods	Classification (CN code)	Reason
(1)	(2)	(3)
<p>1. A multifunctional apparatus capable of performing the following functions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -faxing, -line telephony, -telephone answering, -scanning, -printing, -photocopying. <p>The apparatus operates either in an autonomous form (as a fax transmitter, a fax receiver and a copier) or in conjunction with a computer (as a printer, scanner and fax machine).</p> <p>The machine also includes a document copying function (four pages per minute) available in autonomous mode.</p> <p>See illustration A(*)</p>	<p>8517 21 00</p>	<p>Classification is determined by the provisions of General Rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature, Note 3 to Section XVI, Note 5.E to Chapter 84 and the wording of CN codes 8517 , 8517 21 and 851721 00.</p> <p>The principal function of the apparatus is considered to be that of faxing</p>
<p>2. A multifunctional apparatus (so-called 'digital copier') capable of performing the following functions :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -scanning, -printing, -faxing, -photocopying (indirect process). <p>The apparatus which has several paper feed trays is capable of reproducing up to 30 A4 pages per minute. The apparatus operates either in an autonomous form (as a copier, printer and a fax machine) or in conjunction with a computer or in a computer network (as a printer, scanner, fax machine and a copier).</p> <p>See illustration AB*)</p>	<p>9009 12 00</p>	<p>Classification is determined by the provisions of General Rules 1, 3c and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature, Note 5.E to Chapter 84 and the wording of CN codes 9009, 9009 12 and 9009 12 00.</p> <p>The apparatus has several functions none of which are considered to give the product its essential character</p>

Illustration A



Illustration B



(*) The illustrations are purely for information