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POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO NOTE 1 (C) TO CHAPTER 41  
REGARDING HIDES AND SKINS OF CAMELS

(Item III.B.3 on Agenda)

Reference document :

NR0072E2, Annex C, paragraph 46 (RSC/20 – Report)

I. BACKGROUND

1. On 5 October 1999, the Egyptian Administration sent the Secretariat the following Note requesting that hides or skins of "camels and dromedaries" be mentioned in Note 1 (c) to Chapter 41.

II. NOTE BY EGYPT

2. "We would like to add "camels and dromedaries" to Note 1 (c) to Chapter 41 given that they are not mentioned with the other animals listed in this Note; not to do so would imply that they are regarded as furskin animals (Chapter 43) which is in fact not the case.
3. Compared with some of the other animals mentioned in Note 1 (c), camels and dromedaries have no more hair than, say, bovines and buffaloes, and have less hair than Caracul lambs. That is why they should be added to the list of animals in this Note.
4. Thus we suggest inserting in the last line of Note 1 (c) :  
"[...], of chamois, of gazelle, of camels and dromedaries, of [...]".
5. We hope that this suggestion, made by the Delegate of Egypt at the Review Sub-Committee's 20<sup>th</sup> Session will be accepted".

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### III. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

6. At the Review Sub-Committee's 20<sup>th</sup> Session, in response to the proposal by the Delegate of Egypt to include a reference to hides or skins of "camels and dromedaries" in the draft amendment to the Nomenclature being examined, the Chairman suggested that, given its legal implications, the proposal should be submitted to the Secretariat in writing.
7. The original text of Note 1 (c) to Chapter 41 dates from the Brussels Tariff Nomenclature (BTN). In November 1954 the Explanatory Notes Revising Committee requested, on a proposal by the Administration of Germany, that the legal Note should include a reference to hides or skins of "gazelle, roebucks and dogs". This proposal was adopted by the Committee and the legal texts and Explanatory Notes were amended accordingly. It is worth noting that the Administration of Germany had argued that like other hides and skins covered by this Note, the hides and skins which it was proposed to add were also used for the manufacture of leather. When the Harmonized System was drawn up, the structure of Note 1 (c) to Chapter 41 was unchanged, with some slight drafting amendments.
8. The Secretariat notes that the Administration of Egypt has not provided any statistics on these products. Nevertheless, the arguments put forward at the time by the Administration of Germany in support of its proposal could also be invoked in favour of this proposal by Egypt. The Sub-Committee's attention is also drawn to the repercussions of this legal amendment, if it takes place, on the Explanatory Notes and particularly those of Chapters 41 and 43.
9. In the light of its comments above, the Secretariat has appended hereto a set of draft amendments which are proposed for the legal texts and related Explanatory Notes in the event of this proposal being accepted by the Sub-Committee.

### IV. CONCLUSION

10. The Sub-Committee is invited to take account of the comments by the Administration of Egypt and those by the Secretariat when examining this item of the Agenda.

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ANNEXE

PROJET DE REMANIEMENT DE LA NOTE 1 C) DU CHAPITRE 41  
(Point III.B.3 de l'ordre du jour)

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ANNEX

DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO NOTE 1 (C) TO CHAPTER 41  
(Item III.B.3 on Agenda)

PROCEDURE DE L'ARTICLE 16

A. AMENDEMENT DE LA NOMENCLATURE

CHAPITRE 41.

Note 1 c).

Après “ de gazelle,” insérer “de chameau et dromadaire,”.

B. MODIFICATIONS DES NOTES EXPLICATIVES

CHAPITRE 41.

Page 649. Note 1 c).

Après “ de gazelle,” insérer “de chameau et dromadaire,”.

Page 652. N° 41.03. Deuxième paragraphe. Point B).3).

Nouvelle rédaction :

“3) Chamois, gazelles, chameaux et dromadaires.”.

CHAPITRE 43.

Page 666. N° 43.01. Premier paragraphe. Exclusion f).

Nouvelle rédaction :

“f) Peaux de chamois, de gazelles ou de chameaux et dromadaires.”.

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ARTICLE 16 PROCEDURE

A. AMENDMENT TO THE NOMENCLATURE

CHAPTER 41.

Note 1(c).

After “of gazelle,” insert “of camels and dromedaries,”.

B. AMENDMENTS TO THE EXPLANATORY NOTES

CHAPTER 41.

Page 649. Note 1(c).

After “of gazelle,” insert “of camels and dromedaries,”.

Page 652. Heading 41.03. Second paragraph. Item (B).(3).

Delete and substitute :

“(3) Chamois, gazelle, camels and dromedaries.”.

CHAPTER 43.

Page 666. Heading 43.01. First paragraph. Exclusion (f).

Delete and substitute :

“(f) chamois, gazelle, camels and dromedaries.”.

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