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POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE NOMENCLATURE
AND EXPLANATORY NOTE TO HEADING 84.71

(Item III.B.7 Agenda)

Reference document :

NC0160E2, Annex G/17 (HSC/24 – Report)

I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 24th Session (October 1999), the Harmonized System Committee decided that once the Committee had completed its consideration of a number of classification questions, the Review Sub-Committee would be asked to examine the Explanatory Note to heading 84.71 in its entirety. The classification questions concerned the following products :

- Automatic control units
- Touch panels
- Game controllers of a type used for ADP machines
- Projection panels
- Print engines
- Graphic tablets / Digitizers
- DVD storage units
- Optical autoloaders and libraries
- Tape autoloaders and libraries
- Propriety storage formats
- Flash electronic storage cards
- Roamabouts.

II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

2. The Secretariat would like to recall first of all that the Committee has finalized the examination of some products referred to in paragraph 1 above, whereas the consideration of other products is still pending. To facilitate the work of the Sub-Committee the Secretariat has prepared a review of the current state of affairs in the table shown below.

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	Product description	Classification	Session	Report	Action
1.	Automatic control units	No specific information	HSC/25	NC0250E2, Annex IJ/6	-
2.	Touch panels	Several headings	HSC/25	NC0250E2, Annex IJ/7	Status quo
3.	Game controllers of a type used for ADP machines	Not classified	HSC/25	NC0250E2, Annex IJ/8	Status quo
4.	Projection panels	No information received			
5.	Print engines	Several headings	HSC/25	NC0250E2, Annex IJ/9	Further study not necessary
6.	Graphic tablets / Digitizers	8471.60	HSC/25	NC0250E2, Annex IJ/10	Reference in EN HSC/26
7.	DVD storage units	No decision yet	HSC/25	NC0250E2, Annex IJ/11	HSC/26
8.	Optical and tape autoloaders and libraries	8471.70	HSC/25	NC0250E2, Annex IJ/12	Reference in EN HSC/26
9.	Propriety storage formats	8471.70	HSC/25	NC0250E2, Annex IJ/13	Reference in EN HSC/26
10.	Flash electronic storage cards	No decision yet	HSC/25	NC0250E2, Annex IJ/14	HSC/26
11.	Roamabouts				HSC/26

3. In addition to the above-mentioned issues, the Committee agreed to re-visit the proposal to delete references to certain obsolete equipment in the Explanatory Note to heading 84.71 at its 26th Session (November 2000) (Doc. NC0250E2, Annex G/13, HSC/25 – Report).

4. Given the fact that the Committee has not yet concluded its discussions on the classification of all the products concerned, the Secretariat considers that it would be premature to start the examination of the entire Explanatory Note to heading 84.71 at the Sub-Committee's 22nd Session. The Secretariat, therefore, suggests waiting for the outcome of the discussions in the Committee.

III. CONCLUSION

5. The Sub-Committee is invited to take note of the developments in the Committee vis-à-vis the possible revision of the Explanatory Note to heading 84.71, taking into account the Secretariat's comments in paragraphs 2 to 4 above.