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POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE STRUCTURED NOMENCLATURE

TO HEADING 84.18

(Item III.A.11 on Agenda)

Reference documents :

NR0233E2 (RSC/25)  
NR0265E3, Annexes D/4 and F/11  
(RSC/25 – Report)

NC0531E1, paragraphs 68 and 69 (HSC/29)  
NC0590E2, Annex F, paragraphs 35 and 36  
(HSC/29 - Report)

I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 25<sup>th</sup> Session, in March 2002, the Review Sub-Committee examined a Secretariat proposal to possibly amend the structured nomenclature to heading 84.18 in order to better reflect technological advances and the actual trade in refrigerating or freezing equipment.
2. At that meeting, the Sub-Committee approved the draft amendments reproduced in the Annex to Doc. NR0233E2, with the exception of those concerning subheading 8418.2 for which a new draft was placed in square brackets. The texts agreed upon were therefore submitted to the HS Committee, so that it could rule, in particular, on whether or not subheading 8418.22 should be maintained.
3. At its 29<sup>th</sup> Session, in May 2002, the HS Committee decided first to delete subheading 8418.22 concerning "refrigerators, absorption-type, electrical" and then adopted the texts presented by the Sub-Committee concerning subheadings 8418.21 and 8418.29 (items 1 and 3 in Annex F/11 to Doc. NR0265E3 (RSC/25 - Report)).
4. Since several delegates pointed out that the proposed French and English texts for subheading 8418.50 (item 2 in Annex F/11 mentioned above) might not be aligned, the Committee decided to refer these texts back to the Sub-Committee for re-examination (see Doc. NC0590E2, Annex F, paragraphs 35 and 36 - HSC/29, Report).

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## II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

5. The texts referred back by the Committee for re-examination are reproduced in the Annex hereto.
6. Referring to the discussions at the HSC's 29<sup>th</sup> Session, the Secretariat would point out that, in the interest of simplifying the English text, the first reference to "refrigerating or freezing" could be deleted without altering the general scope of the possible new text to subheading 8418.50. The said expression has therefore been placed in square brackets.

## III. CONCLUSION

7. The Sub-Committee is invited to re-examine the texts reproduced in the Annex hereto.

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