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PROPOSAL BY THE US ADMINISTRATION TO AMEND
THE STRUCTURED NOMENCLATURE TO HEADING 84.82

(Item III.A.13 on Agenda)

Reference documents :

NR0157E1 (RSC/23)
NR0165E2, Annex D/6 (RSC/23 – Report)
NR0179E1 (RSC/24)
NR0205E2, Annex C/11 (RSC/24 – Report)
NR0218E1 (RSC/25)
NR0248E1 (RSC/25)
NR0265E3, Annex C/8 (RSC/25 – Report)

I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 25th Session, the Review Sub-Committee continued its examination of the **US** proposal to amend the structured Nomenclature to heading 84.82, on the basis of additional information submitted by the **Japanese** Administration on this issue.
2. Several delegates supported **Japan's** proposal to maintain the status quo and felt that the gathering of statistics on tapered roller bearings, including cone and tapered roller assemblies of subheading 8482.20, should be carried out at national level, whereas other delegates pointed out that the statistics showed substantial trade in these two categories of goods and that commercial statistics on these goods should be compiled internationally.
3. With regard to parts, several delegates felt that the splitting of subheadings according to the detailed structure proposed by the **US** would increase the complexity of the Harmonized System, thus counteracting the objective of simplifying the Nomenclature.

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4. The Sub-Committee finally decided to defer this whole issue, to enable administrations to complete their consultations with their national trade circles regarding the products of subheading 8482.20 and to obtain additional trade statistics regarding the products covered by the new subheadings proposed for parts.

II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

5. At the time of writing, the Secretariat had not yet received any additional comments or information from administrations.
6. It was, however, able to obtain trade statistics for the years 1996 to 2000 for subheadings 8482.20, 8482.91 and 8482.99 based on data supplied from the UNSD database. These statistics are set out in Annex II hereto.
7. The statistics provided show that there appears to be a relatively high volume of trade in parts other than balls, needles and rollers of subheading 8482.91, but the Secretariat was unable to obtain statistics specific to each of the parts for which an additional subdivision is requested.
8. For ease of consultation, the Secretariat has placed the **US** proposal aimed to subdividing subheading 8482.20 in square brackets in Annex I hereto, together with the Secretariat's amended version of the **US** proposal concerning the parts of subheadings 8482.91 and 8482.99.

III. CONCLUSION

9. The Sub-Committee is invited to examine the proposed amendments to heading 84.82 set out in Annex I hereto, on the basis of the Secretariat's comments above.

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