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NR0290E1  
(+ Annexes I and II)

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POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE STRUCTURED NOMENCLATURE TO HEADING 90.30

(PROPOSAL BY THE US ADMINISTRATION)

(Item III.A.20 on Agenda)

Reference documents :

NR0252E1 (RSC/25)  
NR0265E3, Annex D/11 (RSC/25 - Report)

I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 25<sup>th</sup> Session, the Review Sub-Committee, after a brief discussion, unanimously agreed to the proposal by the US Administration to delete the reference to cathode-ray technology in subheading 9030.20.
2. Concerning the US Administration's proposal to remove "without a recording device" from the description of subheading 9030.3 and to delete subheading 9030.83 (provisions based on the presence or absence of a recording device) from the Nomenclature, several delegates expressed concerns that there were no statistics presented to support this amendment. In the view of one of these delegates, the current situation did not present any problems and the statistics provided by these subheadings were useful. He preferred the status quo but, if the Sub-Committee were to pursue this proposal, then additional statistical justification would be necessary.
3. In support of his administration's proposal, the US Delegate explained that what was important was for the statistics to reflect the trade in the various measuring and checking instruments and not whether these instruments had a recording device.

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4. The Sub-Committee concluded its discussion by agreeing to re-examine the proposal to remove the phrase "without a recording device" from the description of subheading 9030.3 and to delete subheading 9030.83 at its next session on the basis of additional statistical information to be supplied by the **US** Administration. At the moment of preparing this document, the Secretariat has not yet received this information.
5. On 21 May 2002, the Secretariat received the following note from the **EC**.

## II. NOTE FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

"Subject : Possible amendment of subheading 9030.3.

Reference : Doc. NR0265E3, Annex D/11.

6. At its 25<sup>th</sup> Session, the Review Sub-Committee (RSC) examined a proposal to amend heading 90.30. In this connection, several delegates expressed concern about the proposal to remove "without a recording device" from the description of subheading 9030.3 and to delete subheading 9030.83, as there were no statistics presented to support this amendment.
7. The Sub-Committee decided to re-examine this proposal at its next session, on the basis of statistical information to be submitted by administrations.
8. To assist the RSC in its work, please find appended hereto information on the **EC's** imports and exports under subheadings 9030.20, 9030.3 and 9030.83 (see Annex I to this document)."

## III. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

9. The Secretariat has also found world trade statistics on trade in these subheadings extracted from information provided to the Secretariat by the United Nations Statistical Division (UNSD). This information can be found in Annex II to this document.
10. The Secretariat would like to remind delegations that the threshold for creating or deleting a subheading has been set at US \$ 50 million at world level. From the information provided by the **EC** and that extracted from the UNSD trade statistics, it appears that not only would the volume of trade be sufficient to maintain subheading 9030.83, but the volume is increasing from € 45 million in 1998 to € 138 million in 2001 for **EC** imports and from US \$ 288 million in 1997 to US \$ 536 million in 2000 (UNSD).

## IV. CONCLUSION

11. The Sub-Committee is invited to take the statistical information provided by the **EC** and the Secretariat set out in Annexes I and II to this document into consideration when considering this agenda item.

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NOTE FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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	IMPORT Intra-EU				Extra-EU			
	1998	1999	2000	Jan-sep 2001	1998	1999	2000	Jan-sep 2001
90302010	27,99	46,31	162,69	47,02	82,89	24,18	120,95	63,19
90302090	107258,95	109622,51	84449,12	38216,56	78270,96	74424,97	69966,55	32889,75
90303110	18394,37	38687,25	33859,06	28435,64	14145,86	16845,83	12861,96	7404,35
90303190	79214,10	62908,20	83261,88	62204,14	78191,59	73629,58	81563,59	66690,69
90303910	1207,10	1160,36	1282,02	841,21	1206,01	1567,02	2268,66	2464,39
90303930	186696,88	193185,52	211199,52	134996,63	116649,47	130479,24	168895,65	128600,99
90303991	8199,13	6257,21	5669,24	5050,59	11391,22	9245,44	9146,52	5956,34
90303999	54216,28	48235,25	49852,88	33347,30	77908,15	76532,98	78644,77	67988,35
90308310	8098,88	9005,29	3027,38	433,54	13412,28	16816,40	20024,74	18114,96
90308390	40737,76	41992,72	99305,06	95205,76	32435,30	57613,24	108471,77	120765,21

EXPORT

	Intra-EU				Extra-EU			
	1998	1999	2000	Jan-sep 2001	1998	1999	2000	Jan-sep 2001
235,93	36,70	145,74	48,44	215,27	146,76	210,62	173,35	
94285,00	90421,01	75970,79	33428,81	26991,51	27455,81	25442,36	22938,09	
39270,48	56697,23	53366,96	43384,52	31162,05	41082,85	32355,09	18691,18	
68468,21	79358,89	87198,22	69735,30	68879,16	68629,95	69679,28	61429,71	
3011,56	3831,57	2592,82	1308,26	2634,86	4285,58	1885,67	3607,45	
196807,86	231738,94	250684,82	160453,87	154372,83	149961,47	214512,21	171762,13	
3744,21	3868,53	4957,12	3146,01	5768,71	6489,93	8680,57	3468,07	
67500,78	40939,30	50176,96	32920,17	71673,13	61361,84	74167,05	59357,13	
5083,31	7414,41	3235,08	180,56	2269,56	1886,44	2040,48	269,14	
51570,53	47859,93	112939,62	87186,26	63598,88	68439,60	104552,94	58154,85	

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	IMPORT Intra-EU				Extra-EU			
	1998	1999	2000	Jan-sep 2001	1998	1999	2000	Jan-sep 2001
90302010	0,10	0,10	0,10	0,90	0,30	0,10	0,00	0,40
90302090	879,50	768,40	730,50	286,00	436,20	373,80	331,90	167,40
90303110	2,50	10,20	6,30	4,50	2,00	2,30	1,10	1,30
90303190	702,80	755,70	1262,00	755,10	1422,40	1399,30	1557,00	1159,10
90303910	1,10	18,10	35,00	4,90	0,40	2,20	1,10	30,30
90303930	1553,80	1551,40	1504,50	821,20	839,60	1045,00	901,00	750,60
90303991	124,40	117,90	304,00	93,00	174,80	160,40	168,50	139,80
90303999	1928,10	776,20	855,70	733,00	1351,80	1348,10	1210,60	918,70
90308310	3,40	3,20	1,30	1,30	6,60	8,20	7,30	5,90
90308390	223,40	184,00	352,50	345,40	155,80	371,50	498,80	381,40

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EXPORT				Extra-EU			
Intra-EU				Extra-EU			
1998	1999	2000	Jan-sep 2001	1998	1999	2000	Jan-sep 2001
0,00	0,00	0,10	0,60	0,20	0,10	1,00	0,50
333,60	333,40	302,10	142,30	163,50	153,30	136,90	99,90
22,80	21,90	20,00	15,10	3,20	2,50	10,90	1,30
693,00	765,20	1122,80	933,00	493,60	445,70	587,10	553,20
0,80	4,40	4,00	1,70	11,80	6,80	5,90	20,00
1599,50	1640,60	1723,90	1151,70	932,40	855,80	1195,20	806,20
53,10	57,80	89,20	47,50	75,00	61,00	56,10	34,10
923,20	421,40	557,60	508,10	1054,90	651,80	543,20	498,80
0,90	1,80	22,90	19,20	2,00	3,00	29,90	6,60
216,60	170,40	326,90	223,80	374,10	404,10	591,00	258,20

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Extract of information provided by the UNSD  
World trade for years 1997 to 2000  
for subheadings 9030.31 to 9030.83

	1997 (x 1,000 US \$)	1998	1999	2000
903031	459,651	434,526	428,315	432,694
903039	1,692,928	1,314,540	1,312,988	1,469,371
903083	288,406	319,534	398,390	536,676

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