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PROPOSAL BY THE US ADMINISTRATION TO MERGE
HEADINGS 95.01 TO 95.03 INTO A SINGLE HEADING FOR TOYS

(Item III.A.21 on Agenda)

Reference documents :

NR0227E1 (RSC/25)

NR0265E3, Annex C/17 (RSC/25 - Report)

I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 25th Session, the Review Sub-Committee agreed in principle to a proposal by the United States under which the first three headings of Chapter 95 would be merged into a single heading for toys.
2. Where the proposed new Chapter Note was concerned, some delegates indicated that it might duplicate GIR 3 (b). After discussion, the Sub-Committee finally agreed to leave proposed new Chapter Note 3 in square brackets, for re-examination at its next session.
3. With regard to the text of the new heading for toys, during the 25th Session the EC put forward an alternative to the text which had been proposed by the United States. This new alternative involved deleting the first part of the text, which would then begin with a list of the types of toys classified in the heading ("Tricycles..."), and the order of the description would be reversed. The Sub-Committee agreed that the new text of this heading could read as follows :

"95.XX Tricycles, scooters, pedal cars, and other similar wheeled toys; dolls' carriages; dolls; other toys not elsewhere specified or included; reduced-size ("scale") models and similar recreational models, working or not; puzzles of all kinds."
4. The Sub-Committee finally decided to return to this question at its next session in particular with reference to the proposed new Chapter Note 3.

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II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

5. By the date of preparation of this document, the Secretariat had not received any new comments or additional information from administrations which might provide a means of moving this question forward.
6. The Secretariat still considers that the heading text already approved in principle by the Sub-Committee would undoubtedly simplify the classification of the toys of current headings 95.01, 95.02 and 95.03.
7. For ease of reference the Secretariat has reproduced in square brackets, in the Annex to this document, the draft heading text, as well as the text of the proposed new Note 3 to Chapter 95. In this connection, the Secretariat is proposing to use the code number 9503.00 for the new heading since this number has not been used previously and would, therefore, not result in confusion with regard to trade statistics.

III. CONCLUSION

8. The Sub-Committee is invited to examine the text appended hereto, in the light of the Secretariat comments set out above.

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