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COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE EXPLANATORY NOTES

POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF THE EXPLANATORY NOTES

TO HEADINGS 61.03 AND 61.04

(Item III.C.7 on Agenda)

Reference documents :

NR0239E1 (RSC25)
NR0265E3, Annex E/5 (RSC/25 – Report)
NC0590F2, Annex F (HSC/29 – Report)

I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 25th Session, the Sub-Committee decided to postpone a full examination of this Agenda item until the next session, to give administrations time to examine in more detail the texts and the revisions proposed.
2. Nevertheless, one delegate indicated that his administration was willing to accept the proposed revision put forward by the Secretariat although, in the English version of the new second paragraph which was to be inserted in the Explanatory Note to heading 61.04, the words "With regard to women's or girls' suits" should be inserted at the beginning, to avoid any confusion as to the applicability of that paragraph.

II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

3. As the English term "suit" applies equally to men's and women's garments, the Secretariat recognizes that this insertion would offer the advantage of removing any ambiguity as to the types of garment covered.

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4. The Secretariat has therefore reproduced, in the Annex to this document, the draft revision of the Explanatory Notes as proposed in the Annex to Doc.NR0239E1, but taking into account the comment referred to in paragraph 2 above (the proposed addition has been placed in square brackets).
5. In the Secretariat's view, the proposed changes do not affect the scope of the headings concerned, it being noted that the term "costume tailleur" in the French text of heading 61.04 would cover both a women's outfit consisting of a skirt and matching jacket (a "tailleur" in French), and a women's outfit consisting of trousers and a matching jacket (a "tailleur-pantalon" in French).

III. CONCLUSION

6. In the light of the Secretariat's comments in paragraphs 3 to 5 above, the Sub-Committee is invited to examine the draft amendments to the Explanatory Notes - to be made by Corrigendum - which are appended to this document.

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