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COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE EXPLANATORY NOTES

POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF THE EXPLANATORY NOTES

TO HEADINGS 84.74 TO 84.85

(Item III.C.13 on Agenda)

I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 23<sup>rd</sup> Session (March 2001), the Review Sub-Committee discussed the issue of the comprehensive review of the HS Explanatory Notes, taking into account the points raised by the Secretariat in Doc. NR0150E1, in particular the scope of the updating of the existing Explanatory Notes, by :
  - Deleting references to obsolete products and technology,
  - Substituting references to current products and technology,
  - Restructuring the Notes to make them easier to understand, and
  - Supplementing the Notes to make them more complete.
2. In accordance with these discussions, amendments to the Explanatory Notes to headings 84.74 to 84.85 have been prepared as a joint proposal from the Secretariat and an officer of the ~~Swedish~~ Administration.
3. The ~~Swedish~~ "Explanatory Memorandum" and the Secretariat's own proposals (in bold) are reproduced below.

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## II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

4. The proposed amendments are set out in the Annex to this document. In this context, the Secretariat would like to clarify that only those parts of the Explanatory Notes (ENs) have been reproduced which are affected by the amendments. Proposed deletions are indicated by “strikethrough” text, whereas new texts are indicated by underlining. Throughout the recommended amendments to the ENs, when a new numbered or lettered paragraph was added the remaining paragraphs in the sequence were consequently renumbered or re-lettered.

### **Explanatory comments for each heading**

#### **Heading 84.74.**

5. No changes are recommended.

#### **Heading 84.75.**

6. Deletion of obsolete items, articles or descriptions.
7. The Explanatory Notes was updated in relation to current technology.
8. According to a **Swedish** manufacturer of flat glass sheets, **Pilkington Sverige**, items (II) (A) (1), (2), (4) and (5) of the Explanatory Note to heading 84.75 refer to old manufacturing processes which are not used today. As flat glass sheets are mainly manufactured as floatglass, it is recommended that machines for the manufacture of floatglass be inserted in the Explanatory Note to heading 84.75, i.e., as new item (II) (A) (2), provided that the deletion of items (II) (A) (1), (2), (4) and (5) is accepted and present item (I) (A) (3) renumbered as (I) (A) (1).

#### **Headings 84.76 and 84.77**

9. No changes are recommended.

#### **Heading 84.78.**

10. The Explanatory Note was updated in relation to current technology.

#### **Heading 84.79.**

11. The Explanatory Note was aligned on the numerical order of the subheadings.

#### **Heading 84.80.**

12. Deletion of obsolete items, articles or descriptions.

**Heading 84.81.**

13. The Explanatory Note was aligned on the numerical order of the subheadings.
14. Subheading 8481.20 covers valves for oleohydraulic or pneumatic transmissions, however, there is no reference to these valves in the Explanatory Note to heading 84.81. Therefore, it is recommended to insert a new text describing the above-mentioned valves. The proposed description is based on a text, in a letter from the Secretariat to a Member administration, on a subject related to this particular type of valves. Another solution might be to use the description in a new Subheading Explanatory Note to subheading 8481.20.
15. **The Secretariat has placed the proposed texts within square brackets for the Sub-Committee's decision.**

**Heading 84.82.**

16. No changes are recommended.

**Heading 84.83.**

17. Decision taken during the 28<sup>th</sup> Session of the Harmonized System Committee.

**Headings 84.84 and 84.85.**

18. No changes are recommended.

**III. CONCLUSION**

19. The Sub-Committee is invited to examine the draft amendments to the Explanatory Notes to headings 84.74 to 84.85, as set out in the Annex to this document.

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