



HARMONIZED SYSTEM  
REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE

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## POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE EXPLANATORY NOTES TO CHAPTER 41

(Item III.A.6 on Agenda)

### Reference documents :

42.268 (TCRO)

NR0155E1 (RSC/23)

NR0165E3, Annex D/4 (RSC/23 - Report)

NR0177E1 (RSC/24)

NR0205E2, Annex C/9 (RSC/24 - Report)

NR0217E1 (RSC/25)

NR0265E3, Annex C/7 (RSC/25 - Report)

NR0278E1 (RSC/26)

NR0332E3, Annex C/8 (RSC/26 - Report)

### I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 26<sup>th</sup> Session, the Review Sub-Committee concluded its examination of the **US** Administration's proposal to amend the Nomenclature to Chapter 41. The Sub-Committee felt that Note 2 (A) to Chapter 41 should remain unchanged. The Sub-Committee also decided to submit the proposal of the **United States** to insert the term "leather" in the text of headings 41.04 - 41.06 to the Harmonized System Committee for decision and this question will be examined at the 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Committee.
2. As for the proposed amendments to the Explanatory Notes to Chapter 41 (Doc. NR0278E1, Annex II), the Sub-Committee decided to place the text of the proposed amendments in square brackets and agreed to discuss this issue at its next session.

### II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

3. So far, the Secretariat has not received any further information and therefore has reproduced the texts proposed at the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Review Sub-Committee as set out in the Annex to this document.
4. In part (I) the information relating to raw hides and skins has been combined, whereas part (II) has been amended to include details clarifying the essence of the tanning process.

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III. CONCLUSION

5. The Sub-Committee is invited to examine the proposed amendments to the Explanatory Notes to Chapter 41 as reproduced in the Annex to this document.

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