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POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE EXPLANATORY NOTES TO CORRECT CERTAIN
TEXTS AND TO ALIGN THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH VERSIONS

(Item III.A.8 on Agenda)

Reference documents :

NR0265E3, Annexes C/9 and F/5 (RSC/25 – Report)
NR0324E1 (RSC/26)

NR0332E3, Annexes D/6 and F/18 (RSC/26 – Report)
NR0347E1 (RSC/27)

I. NOTE BY THE US

1. With respect to this Agenda item, the Secretariat has received the following comments from the **US**.
2. “The following comments are responses to the Secretariat’s proposals to replace awkward uses of “other similar” with “other” or “similar”. As we stated during RSC/26, we agree with the Secretariat’s objectives, and our only comments are on the following two proposed changes to the Explanatory Notes.
3. (1) On page 1035, heading 59.06, last paragraph, exclusion (g), the text of the exclusion can be changed from “other similar” to “other.” We note that even then the text will still be quite awkward because of the repetitive use of the expression “of a kind”. Perhaps it can be rewritten to be clearer. We suggest the following replacement text :

“(g) Textile fabrics, of a kind used for technical uses, specified in Note 7 to this chapter. Such products include textile fabrics (whether or not felt-lined) consisting of several layers of fabric assembled with rubber and vulcanised under pressure. They are classified in **heading 59.11** when they are of the kind used for the manufacture of card clothing, printing blankets, weaving beams (narrow fabrics made of velvet impregnated with rubber for covering weaving spindles) or other articles defined by the above-mentioned Note.”

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4. (2) On page 1149, heading 69.09 (identified in Doc. NR0324 as 69.06), last paragraph, exclusion (b), we believe that the word “similar” should be used rather than “other”. The exclusion is for refractory products of heading 69.03. Not all “other” articles of refractory materials are in heading 69.03; products of headings 69.01 and 69.02 also contain products of refractory materials. Therefore this *limited* exclusion should read,

“(b) Retorts, crucibles, muffles, cupels and similar articles of refractory materials (**heading 69.03**).”

II. CONCLUSION

5. The Review Sub-Committee is invited to take into account the observations presented by the **US**, as set out in paragraphs 2 to 4 above, when considering this agenda item.
