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POSSIBLE DELETION OF SUBHEADINGS 0105.92 AND 0105.93

(PROPOSAL BY THE EC)

(Item III.B.16 on Agenda)

I. BACKGROUND

1. On 12 February 2003, the Secretariat received the following new proposal from the EC.

II. PROPOSAL FROM THE EC TO DELETE SUBHEADINGS 0105.92 AND 0105.93

2. "In the interests of simplification, the EC proposes that these headings be deleted from the Harmonized System because they are based on a weight criterion which no longer seems economically and commercially relevant.

PROPOSAL :

2002 VERSION

- Other

0105.92 -- Fowls of the species *Gallus domesticus*, weighing not more than 2,000 g
0105.93 -- Fowls of the species *Gallus domesticus*, weighing more than 2,000 g
0105.99 -- Other (unchanged)

2007 VERSION

- Other

0105.94 -- Fowls of the species *Gallus domesticus*
0105.99 -- Other (unchanged)."

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III. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

3. Due to the late arrival of the **EC** note, the Secretariat has not been able to study this proposal in depth. However, the Secretariat can inform the Sub-Committee that these subheadings were introduced in the HS Nomenclature in 1996, on the basis of a proposal from the **EC**. The reasons for the proposal (see Doc. 37.572, paragraphs 3 and 4) were as follows (*relevant parts*) :
4. "The proposals aim to provide for separate classification of :
- (...)
- (b) so-called "broilers" (fowls of the species *Gallus domesticus*, weighing not more than 2,000 g), which are used in the production of meat. This class of fowl is the main part of current subheading 0105.91; and
- (c) other fowls of the species *Gallus domesticus*, being mainly laying-hens, taken out of production. These are mainly used in the production of food preparations.
5. Estimated extra-EEC trade figures (1989) (ECUs)
- 0105.92 : 11,250,000
0105.93 : 1,250,000."
6. The **EC** is proposing to delete the weight criterion for the above-mentioned two subheadings and combine them for the reason that this criterion is no longer economically or commercially relevant. The Secretariat does not have any information in this respect.
7. The Secretariat would merely point out that as shown below there was still a substantial volume of trade with regard to these subheadings for the years 1997 to 2000 (Source : world totals for 109 countries for imports by HS codes for the years 1997 to 2000 (UNSD)).

	1997	1998	1999	2000
0105.92	327,223	298,357	259,774	246,075
0105.93	84,122	102,710	110,551	130,955

(Unit : x1,000 US \$)

IV. CONCLUSION

8. The Sub-Committee is invited to examine the **EC** proposal for amendments to the legal texts and Explanatory Note to heading 01.05, as set out in the Annex to this document.

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