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POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO SUBHEADING 2529.10 AND THE RELEVANT
EXPLANATORY NOTES WITH REGARD TO THE TERM "FELSPAR"

(PROPOSAL BY THE EC)

(Item III.B.18 on Agenda)

I. BACKGROUND

1. On 11 February 2003, the Secretariat received the following note from the EC with regard to the possible amendment of subheading 2529.10.

II. NOTE FROM THE EC

"Subject : Amendment of the English wording to subheading 2529.10"

2. In the course of studies, a number of geologists and mineralogists have told the Commission that the term "felspar" in the English wording to subheading 2529.10 is archaic. They say that scientists and traders now almost always use the term "feldspar" and would like to see the legal wording amended accordingly.

PROPOSAL :

NEW WORDING

2002 ENG VERSION

2007 ENG VERSION

2529.10 - Felspar

- Feldspar

FR Version : unchanged

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3. Since this is no more than an update, it does not alter the scope of the subheading. The current code therefore remains the same."

III. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

4. Based on its study of the technical literature, the Secretariat agrees with the **EC** proposal to amend subheading 2529.10 to read "Feldspar" instead of "Felspar" (English only) for the reasons given by the **EC**. This proposal is set out in Annex I to this document.
5. The Secretariat's further study has revealed that there are references to the term "felspar" in the Explanatory Notes not only to heading 25.29 but also to other headings, i.e., headings 25.16, 32.07, 38.24 and 68.04, and Sub-Chapter II to Section XIII.
6. The Secretariat also notes that the term "feldspar" is already used in the Annex to the Explanatory Notes to Chapter 71, on page 1203 and the use of the terms "felspar" and "feldspar" is not consistent in the current Explanatory Notes.
7. The Secretariat believes that the term "feldspar" should be used in a consistent manner throughout the Explanatory Notes. Since these modifications would not change the scope of relevant headings or subheadings, the relevant parts of the Explanatory Notes should be amended by the corrigendum procedure. The proposed amendments are set out in Annex II to this document.

IV. CONCLUSION

8. Taking into account the observations submitted by the **EC** and the comments by the Secretariat above, the Review Sub-Committee is invited to consider the proposed amendments to the Nomenclature and the relevant Explanatory Notes, as set out in Annexes I and II to this document.

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