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COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE EXPLANATORY NOTES
POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF THE EXPLANATORY NOTES
TO HEADINGS 84.41 TO 84.59
(Item III.C.3 on Agenda)

Reference documents :

NR0303E1 (RSC/26)
NR0357E1 (RSC/27)

NR0332E2 – Annex E/11 (RSC/26 - Report)
NR0400E3 – Annex E/3 (RSC/27 - Report)

I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 27th Session, the Sub-Committee continued its discussion on the possible amendment of the Explanatory Notes to headings 84.41 to 84.59.
2. Although there was general agreement with many of the proposed amendments, the Sub-Committee felt that certain remaining questions should be resolved before the amendments were approved. In order to identify the remaining questions, the Sub-Committee agreed to place square brackets around those texts for which further discussion was necessary. The Sub-Committee agreed to address these texts at its next session on the basis of additional proposals from administrations, review of additional technical information by administrations, and, where appropriate, redrafted language based on an editorial review by the Secretariat. All the other proposals were agreed upon and will be reviewed, if necessary, when the Sub-Committee considers the specific texts that remain in square brackets.
3. The texts for which there was general agreement and those placed in square brackets are reproduced in the Annex to this document.

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II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

4. At the time of preparing this document, the Secretariat had not received additional proposals or additional technical information from administrations. The texts in square brackets in the Annex call for the following comments.

Heading 84.55

Pages 1539 to 1540.

5. The **US** Delegate stated that his administration would submit comments for a new proposal to amend the Explanatory Notes concerning welded tube mill machinery of heading 84.55.

Heading 84.58

Page 1546. Subheading Note. First two paragraphs.

6. The Chairperson noted that the term “computer” would be removed from the text. After several comments concerning the structure of the proposed amendments, the Sub-Committee agreed that the texts should be placed in square brackets and that the Secretariat should review the text in order to prepare a revised text for the consideration at the next RSC session.
7. The Secretariat has reviewed the text taking into account the suggestions made concerning the format of the subheading Note, as well as combining the two paragraphs into one. The Secretariat’s revised text is found in square brackets in the Annex to this document. The Secretariat would point out that it has added the last part of the present text as a separate paragraph. This text was not supposed to be deleted.

III. CONCLUSION

8. The Review Sub-Committee is invited to examine the draft amendments placed in square brackets in the Annex to this document, taking into account the Secretariat’s comments in paragraphs 4 to 7 above.

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