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AMENDMENT OF THE EXPLANATORY NOTE TO HEADING 85.25

CONCERNING DIGITAL CAMERAS

(Item II.A.13 on Agenda)

Reference documents :

NR0072E2, Annex C, paragraph 94 (RSC/20 – Report)
NR0086E1

I. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

1. After Doc. NR0086E1 had been prepared the Secretariat received comments from Poland and Morocco on digital cameras.
2. These two administrations propose variants for the text of new Item (E) of the Explanatory Note to heading 85.25 to take account of the Sub-Committee's decision at its 20th Session in September 1999.
3. The Secretariat would merely point out that the Sub-Committee agreed that this amendment to the Explanatory Notes should explain the difference between digital cameras and traditional cameras.

II. PROPOSAL BY POLAND

“(E) DIGITAL CAMERAS

4. This group covers digital cameras which do not record images on light-sensitive media but store them in the form of digital data in a built-in memory. Some of these cameras are equipped with an optical viewfinder or a liquid crystal display (LCD) used both as viewfinder when taking pictures and as screen for images received from other sources; they may also be designed with both types of viewfinder. Digital cameras have built-in digital input and output connection ports and a connection port for video cables.
5. These cameras are fitted with a charged coupled device (CCD) which enables them to record, process and store images in digital format. The images captured can be transferred

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either to a personal computer by means of an optional accessory package, or to a computer equipped with video processing software. Digital cameras can also be connected to other apparatus with a view to printing the images or transferring them to video cassette. They can also reproduce the captured images when connected to a video screen or a television receiver.

6. The captured digital images can be transferred to a computer for processing, storage or transmission in the form of electronic files.
7. This type of camera can reproduce both video signals and computer-readable image data.”

III. PROPOSAL BY MOROCCO

“(E) **DIGITAL CAMERAS**”

8. This group covers digital cameras which capture live images, convert them into digital electronic signals and record them on an internal or removable medium (e.g., memory or diskette). This type of digital camera can produce video signals and image data readable by an automatic data processing machine. The captured images can be reproduced by connecting, the digital camera directly or by cable to a video monitor, a television receiver or an automatic data processing machine or also by inserting the medium into an automatic data processing machine.”

IV. CONCLUSION

9. The Sub-Committee is invited to take account of the above proposals by Poland and Morocco when examining this agenda item.
