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PROPOSAL BY CANADA TO AMEND THE NOMENCLATURE

TO CHAPTER 54

(Item III.3 on Agenda)

Reference documents :

41.904 (RSC/17)	NR0114E1 (RSC/22)
42.239 (RSC/18)	NR0133E2, Annex D/4 (RSC/22 – Report)
42.476 (RSC/18)	NC0271E1, paragraphs 30 to 32 (HSC/26)
42.500, Annex B/2 (RSC/18 – Report)	NC0340E2, Annex E/1, para. 20 (HSC/26 – Report)
NS0014E2, Annex A/7 (SSC/15 – Report)	NS0020E1 (SSC/16)
	NS0034E2, Annex A/5 (SSC/16 – Report)

I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 22nd Session, the Review Sub-Committee had a preliminary discussion on the proposal by the Canadian Administration to amend the Nomenclature to Chapter 54.
2. It was agreed to place the texts in square brackets and to review this matter once the proposed amendments regarding polymers had been examined by the Scientific Sub-Committee (Doc. NR0133E2, Annex D/4 – RSC/22, Report).
3. At its 16th Session in January 2001, the Sub-Committee examined the proposed amendments to Notes 1 (a) and 1 (b) to Chapter 54, set out at Annex II to Doc. NS0020E1.

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4. With regard to paragraph (a) to that Note, opinions were divided on the text to be chosen. However, there was agreement that there was no substantive difference between the two texts. It was pointed out by one delegate that the English version of the Secretariat proposal was not entirely grammatically correct. The choice of variant was left to the Review Sub-Committee, on the understanding that the use of the plural was recommended for the terms “polyamides”, “polyesters”, “polyolefins” and “polyurethanes”, as these were generic names for polymer families. The two texts were placed in square brackets.
5. With regard to paragraph (b), it was pointed out that the manufacture of certain cellulosic fibres involved not only the dissolution of natural organic polymers, but also a regeneration of the cellulose. Hence, there was a physical transformation of the natural polymers by dissolution and chemical treatment processes. It was also stressed that viscose rayon should be mentioned as an example of a product obtained by treating cellulose. Subject to these modifications, the Sub-Committee approved the proposed text (Annex A/5 to Doc. NS0034E2 - SSC/16 Report).

II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

6. The Secretariat would like to draw the Sub-Committee's attention to the fact that, with regard to giving its opinion on polymer names, the Scientific Sub-Committee was only invited to examine the proposed amendments to Notes 1 (a) and 1 (b) to Chapter 54.
7. The Secretariat has reproduced the texts as mentioned in paragraph 2 above in the Annex to this document, subject to replacing Notes 1 (a) and 1 (b) to Chapter 54 by the texts suggested by the Scientific Sub-Committee.

III. CONCLUSIONS

8. The Sub-Committee is invited to re-examine the various issues raised in Doc. NR0114E1, on the basis of the above comments by the Secretariat and those by the Scientific Sub-Committee.

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