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PROPOSAL BY THE US ADMINISTRATION TO AMEND THE NOMENCLATURE TO HEADING 84.82

(Item III.A.8 on Agenda)

Reference documents:

NR0157E1 (RSC/23) NR0165E2, Annex D/6 (RSC/23 – Report) NR0179E1 (RSC/24) NR0205E2, Annex C/11 (RSC/24 – Report)

I. BACKGROUND

- 1. At its 24th Session, the Sub-Committee continued its examination of the US Administration's proposals with regard to the structured nomenclature for heading 84.82. One delegate expressed the view that, at the one-dash level, it was not possible to make the proposed breakouts. He pointed out that proposed subheading 8482.9 was a one-dash subdivision for "other parts". This would indicate that in the preceding text, there should also be a reference to "parts". However, in the proposed US text, there was no mention of the word "parts" but, rather, at the one-dash level, reference was made to "balls, needles and rollers" and "inner and outer rings and races". This delegate preferred to leave the text as it currently stood and to have further detail provided at the national level, if necessary.
- 2. The Sub-Committee discussed a number of options to try and provide for a one-dash parts provision and the US breakouts for "parts of tapered roller bearings". The Sub-Committee concluded its discussion by agreeing to continue the discussion of this issue at its next session, on the basis of a new proposal to be submitted by the US Administration for parts of tapered roller bearings.
- 3. On 3 December 2001, the Secretariat received the following note from the US Administration.

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II. NOTE FROM THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION

- 4. "As promised at the 24th Session of the Review Sub-Committee (see Annex C/11 to Doc. NR0205E2, the United States submits the following alternate text for parts of tapered roller bearings. This revised proposal would separately provide for such parts entirely within subheading 8482.9. Although we still prefer the simpler text we originally proposed, the following version should meet the desires of any administration that would prefer to retain all parts in subheading 8482.90.
- 5. Current subheadings 8482.91 and 8482.99 would be replaced by the following new subheadings:
 - Parts:

8482.92 - - Tapered rollers

8482.93 - - Balls, needles and rollers, other than tapered rollers

8482.94 - - Inner or outer rings or races for tapered roller bearings

8482.95 - - Inner or outer rings or races for bearings other than tapered roller bearings

8482.96 - - Other parts of tapered roller bearings

8482.98 - - Other".

III. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

6. With reference to the new proposal by the US Administration, the Secretariat has the following comments to make. In subheadings 8482.94 and 8482.95, the Secretariat would suggest replacing the word "for" by "of", as this would have less of an end-use connotation. In addition, for subheading 8482.95, this subheading could read simply "Other inner or outer rings or races". The Secretariat would also suggest that proposed subheading 8482.98 could retain subheading 8482.99, as is the normal practice for the residual subheading. However, the Secretariat would draw the Sub-Committee's attention to the change of scope of subheading 8482.99, as a result of the US proposal. Finally, with the new layout for the parts provisions submitted by the US Administration, the Secretariat wonders whether it is now necessary to renumber subheading 8482.80 as 8482.60, as suggested in the original US proposal (see the Annex to Doc. NR0157E1). At that time, the proposal required additional subheadings at the one-dash level and the present proposal maintains the "parts" provisions in subheading 8482.9. The Secretariat's suggestions are incorporated in the following proposal.

"- Parts:

8482.92 - - Tapered rollers

8482.93 - - Balls, needles and rollers, other than tapered rollers

8482.94 - - Inner or outer rings or races, of tapered roller bearings

8482.95 - - Other inner or outer rings or races

8482.96 - - Other parts of tapered roller bearings

8482.99 - - Other".

IV. CONCLUSION

7. The Sub-Committee is invited to take account of the new proposal by the US Administration, as well as the Secretariat's comments thereon when it examines this agenda item.