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STUDY OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE NOMENCLATURE
WITH REGARD TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF MULTIFUNCTIONAL DIGITAL COPIERS

(Item III.A.11 on Agenda)

Reference documents :

42.406 (RSC/18)	NC0243E1 (HSC/25)
42.498 (RSC/18)	NC0250E2, Annex H/13 (HSC/25 – Report)
42.500, Annex B/19 (RSC/18 – Report)	NC0300E1 (HSC/26)
42.750, Annex E (HSC/22 – Report)	NC0335E1 (HSC/26)
NR0023E1 (RSC/19)	NC0430E2, Annex H/4 (HSC/27 - Report)
NR0037E1 (RSC/19)	NR0182E1 (RSC/24))
NR0045E2, Annex A/23 (RSC/19 – Report)	NR0205E2, Annex C/14 (RSC/24 – Report)
NC0059E1 (HSC/23)	NR0221E1 (RSC/25)
NC0090E2, Annex IJ/26 (HSC/23 – Report)	NR0234E1 (RSC/25)
NC0160E2, Annex H/14 (HSC/24 – Report)	NR0249E1 (RSC/25)
NC0211E1 (HSC/25)	

I. BACKGROUND

1. On 11 January 2002, the Secretariat received the following Note from the **US** Administration proposing an amendment to simplify the structured nomenclature to heading 90.09.

II. PROPOSAL BY THE **US** ADMINISTRATION TO
SIMPLIFY THE STRUCTURED NOMENCLATURE TO HEADING 90.09

2. “The **United States** submits the following proposed modification to the structured nomenclature to heading 90.09.

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Heading 90.09

Replace subheadings 9009.11 through 9009.30 with the following new subheadings :

- “ 9009.10 - Electrostatic photo-copying apparatus
- 9009.40 - Other copying apparatus”

3. Because of changes in technology, electrostatic photo-copiers now account for at least 97% of **US** trade¹ in the copiers classified in heading 90.09. Of those copiers only about 1% are of the direct-process, electrostatic type provided for in subheading 9009.11. Trade in the other subheadings for copiers is similarly insignificant. In our view, the current 5 subheadings for copiers should be reduced to two.”

III. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

4. While acknowledging the valid point made by the **US** Administration in its proposal, the Secretariat is of the opinion that more substantial changes to the structured nomenclature are needed in order to address some of the major issues in this area. To this effect, the Secretariat would refer the Sub-Committee to the Secretariat proposals in Doc. NR0221E1.

IV. CONCLUSION

5. The Sub-Committee is invited to take into consideration the comments of the **US** Administration and the Secretariat's comments in paragraph 4 when considering this agenda item.

¹ **U.S.** imports and exports combined for 1999.