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AMENDMENT TO THE EXPLANATORY NOTES ARISING
FROM THE CLASSIFICATION OF OPTICAL AND TAPE AUTOLOADERS
AND LIBRARIES IN SUBHEADING 8471.70

(Item VI.7 on Agenda)

Reference documents :

42.448 (HSC/22)
42.508 (HSC/22)
NC0160E2 Annex G/17, para. 7 (HSC/24 – Report)
NC0222E1 (HSC/25)
NC0250E2 Annex IJ/12 (HSC/25 – Report)

I. BACKGROUND

1. The Committee at its 25th Session unanimously classified “tape autoloaders and libraries” and “magneto-optical jukeboxes” in subheading 8471.70 as additional storage external to the central processing units, on the basis of descriptions given in paragraphs 2 and 3 and comments made by the Secretariat in paragraph 8 of Doc. NC0222E1.
2. As this classification question was examined in the context of a general study concerning updating of the Explanatory Note to heading 84.71, to reflect its decision, the Committee instructed the Secretariat to prepare suitable draft Explanatory Note amendments for examination by the next preessional Working Party. In this connection, one delegation noted that the Secretariat should take into consideration that the term “jukebox” in English was used normally in reference to certain musical systems.

II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

3. Acting upon the Committee’s instructions, the Secretariat has prepared the draft Explanatory Note amendments set out in the Annex to this document.

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4. As regards the use of the term “jukebox” in English in reference to certain musical systems, the Secretariat would like to point out that this term is not used in the present Nomenclature or Explanatory Notes. In the HS Commodity Data Base, however, “jukeboxes” have been classified in subheading 8519.10 as “coin- or disc-operated record-players”.
5. The Secretariat’s further study in this regard has revealed that the computer industry uses the expression “optical jukebox” as an alternative to “optical disk library”. The Secretariat therefore leaves it to the Working Party to decide whether only the term “optical disk library” or “optical jukebox” or both should be inserted in the Explanatory Notes. These three alternatives have been taken into account in square brackets in drafting the aforementioned amendments.
6. Finally, in the French version of previous documents, the term “chargeurs” was used for the English term “jukeboxes”. If the Working Party wishes to use the expression “optical disk library” in the English version of the draft amendments, it is also invited to consider whether the term “chargeurs” should be replaced by “bibliothèques” in the French version. Therefore, these two alternatives have also been placed in square brackets.

III. CONCLUSION

7. The Committee is invited to approve the draft Explanatory Note amendments once they have been finalized by the preessional Working Party. The Working Party is requested, *inter alia*, to rule on the texts in square brackets.

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MODIFICATION DES NOTES EXPLICATIVES DECOULANT DU CLASSEMENT DES
AUTOCHARGEURS ET BIBLIOTHEQUES OPTIQUES DANS LE N° 8471.70

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MODIFICATION DES NOTES EXPLICATIVES
A EFFECTUER PAR VOIE DE CORRIGENDUM

CHAPITRE 84.

Page 1406. N° 84.71. Partie I.D. Deuxième paragraphe. Alinéa 2). Deuxième ligne.

Après “magnétiques,” ajouter “les autochargeurs et les bibliothèques à bandes, les [bibliothèques] [chargeurs] à disques optiques,”.

AMENDMENT TO THE EXPLANATORY NOTES
TO BE MADE BY CORRIGENDUM

CHAPTER 84.

Page 1406. Heading 84.71. Part (I)(D). Second paragraph. Item (2). Second line.

After “magnetic core storages,” insert “tape autoloaders and libraries, [optical disk libraries] [optical disk jukeboxes] [optical disk libraries (sometimes referred to as “optical disk jukeboxes”)],”.
