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POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF THE EXPLANATORY NOTES TO CHAPTER 48 TO
CLARIFY THE CLASSIFICATION OF SO-CALLED "PHOTO-COPYING PAPER"
(PROPOSAL BY THE EGYPTIAN ADMINISTRATION)

(Item IX.8 on Agenda)

I. BACKGROUND

1. On numerous occasions during HS seminars (most recently at a seminar in Alexandria, Egypt), clarification is sought with regard to the classification of "photocopying paper", since this important type of paper is not mentioned in the Explanatory Notes. The paper at issue concerns the type of paper used in photocopying apparatus and in automatic data processing machine printers, and is often presented in packages of 500 sheets.

II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

2. The Secretariat agrees that paper used in photocopying apparatus and in automatic data processing machine printers is being traded in high volumes. It understands that the paper is presented in rectangular sheets and answers the criteria set out in Note 5 ("graphic paper") to Chapter 48 (HS 2002), and is henceforth classifiable in heading 48.02 if uncoated and in heading 48.10 (subheadings 4810.13 through 4810.29 (HS 2002)) if coated, whatever its dimensions. Such paper is not classifiable as copying paper of heading 48.09.
3. To clarify the classification of this type of graphic paper, the Secretariat suggests amending the Explanatory Notes to headings 48.02 and 48.10, by inserting a reference to "paper used in printers for automatic data processing machines or in photocopying apparatus" (French : "le papier pour machine automatique de traitement de l'information ou pour appareil de photocopie").
4. Pending the publication of the HS 2002 Explanatory Notes, the Secretariat has put the references to the pages and paragraphs at issue in square brackets.

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III. CONCLUSIONS

5. The Committee is invited to examine the proposed amendments to the Explanatory Notes to headings 48.02 and 48.10, as set out in the Annex to this document, taking into account the observations of the Secretariat in paragraphs 2 to 4 above.

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