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POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF THE EXPLANATORY NOTES TO CLARIFY
THE CLASSIFICATION OF "FOOT-PROPELLED SCOOTERS"

(Item VIII.16 on Agenda)

Reference documents :

NC0405E1 (HSC/27)
NC0430E2, Annex IJ/6 (HSC/27 – Report)

NC0478E1 (HSC/28)
NC0510E2, Annex G/16 (HSC/28 – Report)

I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 28th Session, the Committee classified certain types of foot-propelled scooters as follows :
 - (1) Two- or three-wheeled scooters designed to be ridden by children, with non-adjustable steering column, small solid or inflatable wheels, sometimes equipped with bicycle-type handle-bar and/or a hand brake (see Doc. NC0478E1, Annex II, Pictures A and B and Annex I, Pictures D and E) : Heading 95.01 by application of GIR 1, unanimously.
 - (2) Two- or three-wheeled (e.g., the "Razor" type) scooters designed to be ridden by children, youngsters and adults, with adjustable steering column, small solid front and rear wheels and generally a foot brake on the rear wheel (see Annex I to Doc NC0478E1, Picture A (Kick Inline) and the Annex to Doc. NC0405E1 ("Razor")) : Chapter 95 and not Chapter 87, by 31 votes to 2; then, heading 95.01 by application of GIR 1, by 28 votes to 8.
 - (3) Pedal-driven bicycle-like scooters designed to be ridden by children, youngsters and adults, with bicycle-type adjustable steering column and handle-bar, inflatable wheels, frame and hand brakes. They are equipped with a single pedal attached chain and sprocket system (see Annex I to Doc. NC0478E1, Picture H) : Heading 87.12 by application of GIR 1, unanimously.

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- (4) Three-wheeled scooter trolleys designed for the transport of goods, with non-adjustable steering column, small solid wheels (two at the front and one at the rear), a platform on the two front wheels for loading goods and a foot brake on the rear wheel (see Annex II to Doc. NC0478E1, Picture C) : Subheading 8716.80 by application of GIRs 1 and 6, unanimously. However, they could not be considered as true foot-propelled scooters, but trolleys.
 - (5) “Kicksleds” (“traineaux” in French) : Subheading 8716.80 as non-mechanical vehicles, by application of GIRs 1 and 6, unanimously.
2. To reflect its classification decisions, the Committee instructed the Secretariat to draft :
- (a) one Classification Opinion on the Type 1 “Two-wheeled scooter for children ages 4 and up” in Picture A, Annex II to Doc. NC0478E1; and
 - (b) one Classification Opinion on the “Razor” (Type 2) scooter in the Annex to Doc. NC0405E1;
- for examination by the next preessional Working Party; and
- (c) amendments to the Explanatory Notes, relevant to the above decisions, for examination by the Committee itself at its next session.

II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

3. The draft Classification Opinions referred to in subparagraphs 2 (a) and (b) above will be finalized by the Committee under Agenda Item VII.8.
4. The amendments to the Explanatory Notes referred to in subparagraph 7 (c) above were drafted by the Secretariat and are set out in the Annex to this document.

III. CONCLUSION

5. The Committee is invited to examine the draft Explanatory Note amendments set out in the Annex hereto.

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