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AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPENDIUM OF CLASSIFICATION OPINIONS ARISING
FROM THE CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN GROUNDING RODS IN SUBHEADING
7326.90 AND CERTAIN GROUNDING DEVICES

IN SUBHEADING 8535.90

(Item VII.11 on Agenda)

Reference documents :

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| NC0307E1 (HSC/26) | NC0582E1 (HSC/29) |
| NC0340E2, Annex H/3 (HSC/26 - Report) | NC0584E2 (HSC/29) |
| NC0396E1 (HSC/27) | NC0590E2, Annex H/17 (HSC/29 - Report) |
| NC0430E2, Annex H/13 (HSC/27 - Report) | NC0590E2, Annex H/6 (HSC/29 - Report) |
| NC0628E1 (HSC/30) | NC0655E2, Annex G/21 (HSC/30 - Report) |

I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 30th Session, the Harmonized System Committee examined the classification of certain grounding rods and grounding devices. It was agreed, by 26 votes to 13, to classify the grounding rods in question in heading 73.26 (subheading 7326.90) by application of GIRs 1 (Note 7 to Section XV) and 6. With regard to the grounding devices welded to cables and connection wires, the Committee decided, by 33 votes to 3, to classify them in subheadings 8535.90 or 8536.30, depending on the voltage.
2. In order to reflect these decisions, the Committee instructed the Secretariat to prepare two draft Classification Opinions for examination by the next preessional Working Party.

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3. Given that the Committee did not have precise information on the voltage that the grounding devices could withstand, the Secretariat was instructed to contact the **Argentine** Administration in order to obtain information to be taken into account when preparing the corresponding draft Classification Opinion.

II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

4. In accordance with the Committee's instructions, the Secretariat sent a letter to the **Argentine** Administration on 9 December 2002 requesting information on the voltage that the grounding devices at issue could withstand.
5. In response to this request, on 21 February 2003, **Argentina** informed the Secretariat that after consulting the manufacturer of the grounding devices welded to cables and connection wires, **Argentina** considered the products as being designed to withstand a voltage in excess of 1,000 volts. Moreover, with regard to this Classification Opinion, the Secretariat has noted that the legal basis for the classification was omitted. In order to leave it to the Committee to decide on the legal basis, the Secretariat has placed the expression "Application of GIR 1 and 6" in square brackets.
6. The proposed draft texts are set out in the Annex hereto.

III. CONCLUSION

7. The Committee is invited to approve the proposed amendments to the Compendium of Classification Opinions once they have been finalised by the presessional Working Party.

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