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CLASSIFICATION OF YARN PUT UP IN HANKS

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Reference documents :

NC0638E1 (HSC/30)

NC0655E2, Annex H/24 (HSC/30 – Report)

I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 30th Session, the Committee examined the classification of a yarn put up in hanks, and agreed that the only question to be dealt with was whether the hank concerned was cross-reeled.
2. At the end of the discussions, the Committee decided to have four additional samples of the product concerned examined by experts from volunteer administrations, namely **Canada**, the **United States**, **Finland (EC)** and **Mexico**, and to continue with its examination of the classification of this product at the next session, on the basis of the views to be communicated to the Secretariat by the administrations concerned during the intersession (see Annex H/24 to Doc. NC0655E2, paragraphs 5 and 6).
3. At the time of preparation of this document, the Secretariat had received comments and observations only from the **Canadian** Administration, whose note of 17 February 2003 is reproduced below.

II. NOTE FROM CANADA

4. “This is in response to your letter dated January 27, 2003, concerning the classification of yarn put up in hanks. Following a visual inspection of this light-green hank, it is the opinion of the **Canadian** Administration that it meets the description of “cross-reeled”, as provided in the first Footnote to Part I (B) (3) of the Harmonized System General Explanatory Notes to Section XI (page 921, 3rd Edition, 2002). The yarn appears to be wound diagonally and is not readily split.

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5. I am attaching an excerpt from "The Modern Textile Dictionary" by George Linton (Meredith Press, 6th edition, 1963) which also describes cross-reeling as "traversing yarn during the reeling to form a diamond-shaped crossing to cause the skein or hank to become firmer, and to facilitate unwinding".
6. I hope the comments provided are helpful in resolving this issue."

III. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

7. The Secretariat can but reiterate the views it expressed on this question in Doc. NC0638E1 (HSC/30), whereby a visual examination of the sample seems to indicate that the yarn is wound diagonally and that the hank consequently meets the definition of "cross-reeling" contained in the General Explanatory Notes to Section XI, Part I (B) (3), Note (*) on page 921 of the Explanatory Notes, and leaves it to the Committee to decide on the classification of this product in the light of the new information provided.

IV. CONCLUSION

8. The Committee is invited to examine the classification of yarn put up in hanks in the light of the observations and comments submitted by the Canadian Administration, which are reproduced in paragraphs 4 to 6 above, and decide what action should be taken with regard to this issue.
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