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CORRELATION TABLES BETWEEN THE 1996 VERSION AND THE 2002 VERSION OF
THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM

POSSIBLE CORRIGENDUM TO DOC. NG0023B1

(Item III.2 on Agenda)

Reference document :

NG0023B1(Correlation Tables)

I. BACKGROUND

1. On 12 February 2003, the Secretariat received the following proposal from the **EC** concerning the Correlation Tables between the 1996 version and the 2002 version of the Harmonized System.

II. PROPOSAL FROM THE EC

2. The Correlation Tables published by the WCO suggest that beet seed, other than sugar beet seed, have been transferred from HS subheadings 1209.19 to 1209.29.
3. Subheading 1209.19 (HS 96 version) covered both seed of salad beetroot (*Beta vulgaris var. conditiva*) and the seed of forrage beet (*Beta vulgaris var. alba*) (See the **EC CN** Explanatory Notes).
4. Salad beetroot (*Beta vulgaris var. conditiva*) is a vegetable and should be classified in heading 07.06, whereas heading 12.14 covers forrage beets (*Beta vulgaris var. alba*).

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5. The EC took the view that the seed of salad beetroot (*Beta vulgaris var. conditiva*) should be classified in subheading 1209.91, rather than in subheading 1209.29. The EC incorporated that view in the 2003 CN.
6. The EC proposes that the HS Committee be informed of this error in the Correlation Tables.

III. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

7. The Secretariat would, first of all, note that it has already pointed out (in the context of the second review of the Harmonized System on the basis of trade statistics) that the above-mentioned amendment would entail the transfer of beet seeds (other than sugar beet seed), either to 1209.29 (forage beet), or to subheading 1209.91 (salad beet) (see Annex II to Doc. NR0027E1, page II/2, fourth row). Since then, this question has not been pursued by either the Review Sub-Committee or the HS Committee. When the Secretariat prepared the draft Correlation Tables, this comment was not reflected in the draft Correlation Tables since the trade volume in this regard appeared to be small.
8. Based on its study of technical literature, the Secretariat agrees with the EC to amend the Correlation Tables as suggested. The modifications to be made to the Correlation Tables are set out in the Annex to this document.
9. The Secretariat would like to remind the Committee that as agreed, the Correlation Tables do not have legal status. Once the Committee accepts the proposed modifications, the Secretariat will publish a corrigendum to Doc. NG0023B1.

IV. CONCLUSION

10. Taking into account the observations submitted by the EC and the comments by the Secretariat above, the HS Committee is invited to examine the proposed amendments to the Correlation Tables, as set out in the Annex to this document.

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