



HARMONIZED SYSTEM  
COMMITTEE

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24<sup>th</sup> Session  
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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS TAKEN  
BY THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM COMMITTEE  
AT ITS 23<sup>rd</sup> SESSION  
(Item II.3 on Agenda)

Reference documents :

NC0090E2 (HSC/23 - Report)  
NG0006E1 (HSC/23)

1. The Annex to Doc. NG0006E1 listed the decisions of the Harmonized System Committee (HSC)'s 23<sup>rd</sup> Session to be approved under the procedure laid down in Article 8.2 of the Harmonized System Convention.
2. The period of two months allowed for lodging a request that any of these decisions be referred to the Council or directly back to the HSC for re-examination (see Council Decision No. 298) expired on 31 July 1999.
3. By that date, four such requests had been lodged :
  - One by the United States Administration concerning the "classification of certain drilled lumber used in construction" (Doc. NC0090E2/IJ/9).
  - One by the Canadian Administration concerning the "classification of "PolySwitch"" (Doc. NC0090E2/IJ/28).
  - One by the Swiss Administration concerning the "amendments to the Explanatory Notes arising from the classification of products called "Bio-Add"" (Doc. NC0090E2/M/19).
  - One by the Swiss Administration concerning the "classification of non-aromatic cut tobacco" (Doc. NC0090E2/IJ/1).

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4. The first question was referred to the Council at its 93<sup>rd</sup>/94<sup>th</sup> Sessions in June 1999 (see Chairman's report to the Council). The Canadian Administration has now requested that the second question should be referred directly back to the HSC. These two questions will be re-examined by the HSC at its 24<sup>th</sup> Session in October 1999.
5. The last two questions will be referred to the Council at its 95<sup>th</sup>/96<sup>th</sup> Sessions in July 2000.
6. The other decisions listed in the Annex to Doc. NG0006E1 are deemed to have been approved and the Secretariat is making arrangements for the necessary implementation which will be reflected in the following Amending Supplements :
  - (a) Explanatory Notes : Amending Supplement No. 8;
  - (b) Compendium of Classification Opinions and its Annex : Amending Supplement No. 24.

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