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STUDY WITH A VIEW TO ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES  
FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF DOUBLE-CAB PICK-UP VEHICLES

(Item VIII.7 on Agenda)

Reference documents :

26.642 (NC/45)	40.083 (HSC/17)
26.800, Annex C/8 (NC/45 – Report)	40.260, Annex IJ/9 (HSC/17 – Report)
35.350, Annex G/5 (HSC/3 – Report)	40.454 (HSC/18)
35.700, Annexes E/11 and F/11 (HSC/4 – Report)	40.625 (HSC/18)
35.840 (HSC/5)	40.600, Annex H/20 (HSC/18 – Report)
35.841 (HSC/5)	40.909 (HSC/19)
35.960, Annexes G/4 and G/5 (HSC/5 – Report)	41.100, Annex G/18 (HSC/19 – Report)
39.156 (RSC/11)	41.313 (HSC/20)
39.200, Annex XI (RSC/11 – Report)	41.600, Annex F/19 (HSC/20 – Report)
39.282 (RSC/11)	42.434 (HSC/22)
39.332 (HSC/15)	42.456 (HSC/22)
39.400, Annex E (HSC/15 – Report)	42.750, Annexes G/9 and G/33 (HSC/22 – Report)
39.575 (HSC/16)	NC0056E1 (HSC/23)
39.600, Annex IJ/20 (HSC/16 – Report)	NC0145E1 (HSC/24)

I. BACKGROUND

1. On 5 October 1999, the Secretariat received the following note from the Argentine Administration concerning the classification of the “Ssang Yong MUSSO 602”.

II. NOTE FROM ARGENTINA

2. “...In the July issue of a magazine called “Parabrisas”, an article on the “Ssang Yong MUSSO 602” states that :

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- (a) Comfortability - Interior Space (page 117) : We seldom find a vehicle so wide and comfortable in its interior. The key is found in the width of the vehicle body which is 1,860 millimetres. The back seat may be used by three adult persons, comfortably. The seat is high and there is space for the passengers' legs. It is a foldaway seat. Besides, at the back, in the wide cargo area, we can find two folding seats, one in front of another so as to locate four little persons as in a Jeep of troops. In the front part, the driver's seat has independent lumbar regulation and the height of the steering wheel may be modified. The accompanying seat is a double one-piece folding seat. It might be for two persons, but the central space is considered symbolic since there is located the transmission shaft tunnel and the space for the legs is very small. To confirm its wide space, the vehicle has a considerable height between the seats and the roof. Besides, it has a wide access to the cargo area. MUSSO is one of the roomiest vehicles among its kind.
- (b) On page 122 of the magazine, the part concerning the "General Characteristics" of the vehicle states that :

[X] Body : All terrain vehicle, four doors, nine passengers.

3. It is important to point out that, according to what we expressed in our note in Doc. NC0056E1, "the wide cargo area has two folding seats, one in front of another which may be leant down so that four little persons may sit there", but not four adult people of normal size (approximately 70 kg in weight and 1.70 m in height). The comment on the accompanying seat is very important when it states that "it has a double one-piece folding seat for two persons, although the central space is considered symbolic since there is located the transmission shaft tunnel and the space for the legs is very small. Finally, when the magazine considers that in that seat only one passenger may sit there, it is inferred – in page 122 - that the capacity of the vehicle is "9 passengers", driver included. This also coincides to what we expressed in our note.
4. Taking into account the aforementioned, this Administration considers the classification of the "Ssang Yong MUSSO 602" should be in heading 87.03. Thinking of the operative problems which arise from this classification, the Argentine Administration hereby requests you that this Item of the Agenda be dealt and solved, if possible, at the 24<sup>th</sup> Session of the Harmonized System Committee...".

### III. CONCLUSION

5. The Committee is invited to take the above information and request from the Argentine Administration into account when examining this Agenda Item.
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