DATES AND DRAFT AGENDA OF THE SIXTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM COMMITTEE OF THE WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION


ACTION: Publication of the dates and draft agenda for the sixty-second session of the Harmonized System Committee of the World Customs Organization.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the dates and draft agenda for the next session of the Harmonized System Committee of the World Customs Organization.

DATE: Aug. 9, 2018


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

BACKGROUND

The United States is a contracting party to the International Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (“Harmonized System Convention”). The Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (“Harmonized System”), an international nomenclature system, forms the core of the U.S. tariff, the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States. The Harmonized System Convention is under the jurisdiction of the World Customs Organization (established as the Customs Cooperation Council).

Article 6 of the Harmonized System Convention establishes a Harmonized System Committee (“HSC”). The HSC is composed of representatives from each of the contracting parties to the Harmonized System Convention. The HSC’s responsibilities include issuing classification decisions on the interpretation of the Harmonized System. Those decisions may take the form of published tariff classification
opinions concerning the classification of an article under the Harmonized System or amendments to the Explanatory Notes to the Harmonized System. The HSC also considers amendments to the legal text of the Harmonized System. The HSC meets twice a year in Brussels, Belgium. The next session of the HSC will be the sixty-second and it will be held from September 17, 2018 to September 28, 2018.

In accordance with section 1210 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100–418), the Department of Homeland Security, represented by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Department of Commerce, represented by the Census Bureau, and the U.S. International Trade Commission (“ITC”), jointly represent the U.S. The Customs and Border Protection representative serves as the head of the delegation at the sessions of the HSC.

Set forth below is the draft agenda for the next session of the HSC. Copies of available agenda-item documents may be obtained from either U.S. Customs and Border Protection or the ITC. Comments on agenda items may be directed to the above-listed individuals.

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Attachment
DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE 62ND SESSION OF THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM COMMITTEE

From: Monday 17 September 2018 (10.00 a.m.)
To: Friday 28 September 2018
N.B.: From Thursday 13 September 2018 (9.30 a.m.) to Friday 14 September 2018: Presessional Working Party (to examine the questions under Agenda Item VI).

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
1. Draft Agenda
2. Draft Timetable

II. REPORT BY THE SECRETARIAT
1. Position regarding Contracting Parties to the HS Convention, HS Recommendations and related matters; progress report on the implementation of HS 2017
2. Report on the last meetings of the Policy Commission (79th Session) and the Council (132nd Session)
3. Approval of decisions taken by the Harmonized System Committee at its 61st Session
4. Capacity building activities of the Nomenclature and Classification Sub-Directorate
5. Cooperation with other international organizations
6. New information provided on the WCO Web site
7. Progress report on the use of working languages for HS-related matters
8. Other

III. GENERAL QUESTIONS
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IV. REPORT OF THE HS REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE
1. Report of the 54th Session of the HS Review Sub-Committee
2. Matters for decision
   Possible amendment to the Nomenclature in respect of “placebos” and “double-blinded clinical trial kits” in heading 30.06 (Request by Australia)

3. Possible amendment to the Nomenclature in respect of nicotine products and novel tobacco products (Proposal by Australia)

4. Possible amendments to the Nomenclature to create a new heading for nicotine products and novel tobacco products (Proposal by Australia)

5. Possible amendment to Chapters 25 and 69 and to headings 25.18, 38.16, 68.15 and 69.03 in respect of refractory ceramics (Proposal by the EU)

6. Possible amendment to heading 19.03 to clarify the classification of hydrated manioc (cassava) starch (Proposal by Brazil)

7. Possible amendment to the Nomenclature in respect of tobacco or nicotine heating devices (Proposal by the Secretariat and the WHO)

8. Possible amendment to heading 44.07 (Proposal by Canada)

V. REPORT OF THE PRESESSIONAL WORKING PARTY

1. Possible amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify bovine colostrum in bulk form in heading 04.04 (subheading 0404.90)

2. Possible amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify a product called “Cartridge bicarbonate” in heading 30.04 (subheading 3004.90)

3. Possible amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify a product called “Crude Palm Fatty Acid” in heading 38.24 (subheading 3824.99)

4. Possible amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify a cosmetic container called “Plastic Document Case” (Product E and I) in heading 42.02 (subheading 4202.12)

5. Possible amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify certain gazebos in heading 63.06 (subheading 6306.22)

6. Possible amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify two products called “Plastic Document Case” (Product D and E) in heading 70.07 (subheading 7007.21) and two other types of motor vehicle windows (Products A and B) in heading 87.08 (subheading 8708.29)

7. Possible amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify a semi-automatic steam system generator for ironing clothing in heading 84.51 (subheading 8451.30)
9. Possible amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify equipment for the manufacture of LCD modules, called "__" in heading 84.79 (subheading 8479.89)  
   NC2517E1a  
   Annex IJ

10. Possible amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify certain windscreen wiper blades in heading 85.12 (subheading 8512.19)  
   NC2517E1a  
   Annex K

11. Possible amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify a product called "__" in heading 85.17 (subheading 8517.12)  
   NC2517E1a  
   Annex L

12. Possible amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify certain instruments and apparatus used for In Vitro Diagnostics in heading 90.27 (subheading 9027.80)  
   NC2517E1a  
   Annex M

13. Possible amendment to the Explanatory Notes to heading 90.27 in relation to classification of certain instruments and apparatus used for In Vitro Diagnostics  
   NC2517E1a  
   Annex N

14. Possible amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify certain enclosures for distribution of electricity in heading 94.03: (i) Products 1 to 4 (subheading 9403.20); (ii) Products 5 and 6 (subheading 9403.70).  
   NC2517E1a  
   Annex O

VI. REQUESTS FOR RE-EXAMINATION RESERVATIONS

1. Re-examination of the “classification of blanched ground-nuts” (Request by China)  
   NC2518E1a

2. Re-examination of the classification of a tobacco product called “__” (Request by the Saudi Arabia)  
   NC2519E1a

3. Re-examination of the “classification of the three products presented by the Russian Federation at the 31st Session of the Scientific Sub-Committee” in heading 27.10 (subheading 2710.12 for Product 1 and subheading 2710.19 for Products 2 and 3) (Request by Japan)  
   NC2520E1a

4. Re-examination of the “classification of “Printing Pen called “__”” (Request by the United States)  
   NC2521E1a

5. Re-examination of the classification of an apparatus called “Sterilizer Formaldehyde __” (Requests by Ukraine and the Russian Federation)  
   NC2522E1a

6. Re-examination of the classification of certain hub unit bearings and parts thereof (Products A, B, D and F) and of the legal basis established for the classification of Product E (Request by the United States)  
   NC2523E1a

7. Re-examination of the classification of an emergency kit for motor vehicles (Requests by Costa Rica and the EU)  
   NC2524E1a

8. Re-examination of a “__+” quadrocopter (Requests by China and the EU)  
   NC2525E1a
VII. FURTHER STUDIES

1. Classification of solvents based on aromatic substances (Request by Ukraine)  
   NC2405E1a (HSC/60)
2. Classification of a product called “ ” (Request by Ecuador)  
   NC2409E1a (HSC/60)
3. Classification of frozen boneless mutton fat trimmings (Request by South Africa)  
   NC2526E1a
4. Possible amendment to the Explanatory Notes to headings 21.06 and 30.04 in regard to food supplements (Request by Australia)  
   NC2527E1a
5. Classification of an engine pulley (Request by Ecuador)  
   NC2424E1a (CSH/60)
6. Classification of a fibreboard of wood (Request by Ecuador)  
   NC2425E1a (CSH/60)
7. Classification of certain unassembled metal cabinets (Request by Egypt)  
   NC2532E1a
8. Classification of superluminescent diode modules (Request by the EU)  
   NC2533E1a
9. Classification of ephedrine’s derivatives and possible amendment to heading 29.39 (Request by Japan)  
   NC2534E1a
10. Classification of an alcoholic solution called “Resin solution” (Request by Moldova)  
    NC2535E1a
11. Classification of two types of communication antennae (Request by China)  
    NC2536E1a
12. Classification of three light-emitting diode (LED) products (Request by Canada)  
    NC2537E1a
13. Possible amendments to the Explanatory Notes to Chapters 3 and 16 in respect of molluscs that have been subjected to pre-processing technical treatments (Proposal by New Zealand)  
    NC2538E1a
14. Possible amendments to the Explanatory Notes to Chapter 37 (General) and to heading 37.01 (Proposal by the EU)  
    NC2539E1a

VIII. NEW QUESTIONS

1. Classification of “etoposide toniribate (INN list 116), “etoposide” (INN List 34) and “teniposide” (INN List 34)  
   NC2540E1a
2. Classification of two products called “Dental Zirconia Ceramics” (Request by Egypt)  
   NC2541E1a
3. Classification of “ ” tap serving instant boiling and chilled filtered water (Request by the Secretariat)  
   NC2542E1a
4. Interpretation of the scope of heading 6802.10 (Request of New Zealand)  
   NC2543E1a
5. Classification of a laminated product called « polyéthyléne S21 » made of combination of textile and plastics (Request by Serbia) NC2544E1a
6. Possible amendments to the Explanatory Note to heading 28.11 (Proposal by Norway) NC2545E1a
7. Classification of a product called “【】” (Request by Switzerland) NC2546E1a
8. Possible reclassification of ciclosporin (INN) (Request by the Secretariat) NC2547E1a
9. Possible amendment to the list of psychotropic substances subject to control under the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances in respect of d-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol (Request by the Secretariat) NC2548E1a
10. Classification of certain vitamins (Request by Switzerland) NC2549E1a
11. Classification of a product called “【】” (Request by the EU) NC2550E1a
12. Classification of certain RF Generators and RF Matching Networks (Request by the United States) NC2553E1a
13. Classification of certain mobile garbage bins (Request by Australia) NC2554E1a
14. Possible amendment of the Nomenclature in respect of certain fentanyl-related substances (Proposal by the United Nations International Narcotics Control Board (INCB)) NC2555E1a

IX. ADDITIONAL LIST
1. Classification of a product called “【】® cough tablets” (Request by Malawi) NC2556E1a
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X. OTHER BUSINESS
Namu 1. List of questions which might be examined at a future session NC2551E1a

XI. DATES OF NEXT SESSIONS

AGENCY INFORMATION COLLECTION ACTIVITIES:
BIOMETRIC IDENTITY


ACTION: 30-Day notice and request for comments; revision and extension of an existing collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act
of 1995 (PRA). The information collection is published in the Federal Register to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted (no later than September 10, 2018) to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on this proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the OMB Desk Officer for Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, and sent via electronic mail to dhsdeskofficer@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional PRA information should be directed to Seth Renkema, Chief, Economic Impact Analysis Branch, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Trade, Regulations and Rulings, 90 K Street NE, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20229–1177, Telephone number (202) 325–0056 or via email CBP_PRA@cbp.dhs.gov. Please note that the contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. Individuals seeking information about other CBP programs should contact the CBP National Customer Service Center at 877–227–5511, (TTY) 1–800–877–8339, or CBP website at https://www.cbp.gov/.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CBP invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the proposed and/or continuing information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.). This proposed information collection was previously published in the Federal Register (83 FR 24326) on May 25, 2018, allowing for a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) suggestions to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) suggestions to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of
information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the request for approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

**Overview of This Information Collection**

**Title:** Biometric Identity.

**OMB Number:** 1651–0138.

**Type of Review:** Revision and Extension (with change).

**Current Actions:** This submission is being made to revise the information collection and extend the expiration date with a change to the burden hours due to an increase in the number of respondents in agency estimates and separating the different biometric modalities. **Proposed Change:** CBP is proposing to revise this collection of information to include the collection of biometrics from certain travelers entering and exiting the United States in vehicles. This collection will not impose a time burden on the respondents and may reduce wait times at the ports of entry and exit.

**Affected Public:** Individuals.

**Abstract:** In order to enhance national security, the Department of Homeland Security is developing a biometric based entry and exit system capable of improving the information resources available to immigration and border management decision-makers. These biometrics may include: Digital fingerprint scans, facial images, iris images or other biometrics. Biometrics may be collected from certain travelers entering or exiting the United States in order to verify identity, determine admissibility of those seeking entry into the United States, confirm exit from the United States for the purpose of tracking aliens who have overstayed their visa or are otherwise illegally present in the United States, prevent visa fraud, and identify known or suspected criminals or terrorists. CBP will only store biometric data from those aliens specified in 8 CFR 215.8 and 8 CFR 235.1. U.S. Citizens and aliens who are generally exempt from biometric collection but voluntarily participate in biometric collection will have their biometrics deleted from DHS systems. CBP continues to test and evaluate different technological and operational changes to improve the accuracy and speed of biometric collection.

The federal statutes that mandate DHS to create a biometric entry and exit system include: Section 2(a) of the Immigration and Naturalization Service Data Management Improvement Act of 2000 (DMIA), Public Law 106–215, 114 Stat. 337 (2000); Section 205 of the Visa Waiver Permanent Program Act of 2000, Public Law 106–396,

Fingerprint Modality

**Estimated Number of Respondents**: 58,657,882.

**Estimated Time per Response**: .0097 hours.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours**: 568,981.

Facial/Iris Modality

**Estimated Number of Respondents**: 54,542,118.

**Estimated Time per Response**: .0025 hours.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours**: 136,355.

Biometrics Collected From Travelers in Vehicles

**Estimated Number of Respondents**: 300,000.*

**Estimated Time per Response**: None.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours**: None.

* Vehicle time per Respondent is estimated at zero due to no physical response required from the respondent.

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