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


ACTION: Publication of the dates and draft agenda for the sixty-fifth 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: January 27, 2020


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 decisions, and the Committee has the authority to resolve disputes among contracting parties regarding the application of the Harmonized System.
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-fifth and it will be held from March 11, 2020 to March 20, 2020.

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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Attachments
DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE 65TH SESSION OF THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM COMMITTEE

From: Wednesday 11 March 2020 (10 a.m.)
To: Friday 20 March 2020
N.B.: From Monday 9 March 2020 (9.30 a.m.) to Tuesday 10 March 2020: Presessional Working Party (to examine the questions under Agenda Item VI).

Wednesday 11 March 2020 (9.30 a.m.): Adoption of the Report of the 56th Session of the HS Review Sub-Committee.

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 meeting of the Policy Commission (82nd Session)
3. Approval of decisions taken by the Harmonized System Committee at its 64th Session
4. Capacity building activities of the Nomenclature and Classification
5. Co-operation 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. Preparation and timing of HS 2022 publications
9. Draft amendments to be made to the Harmonized System by corrigendum
10. Other

III. GENERAL QUESTIONS
1. Development of correlation tables between the 2017 and 2022 versions of the Harmonized System
## 2. Scope of the Seventh Harmonized System Review Cycle

NC2705

## 3. Consultation on the possible strategic review of the HS

NC2706

## 4. Study on the interpretation of the expression “simple majority” as used in Rule 19 of the HSC’s Rules of Procedure

NC2707

## IV. REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC SUB-COMMITTEE

1. Report of the 35th Session of the Scientific Sub-Committee

NC2708

## V. REPORT OF THE HS REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE

1. Report of the 56th Session of the HS Review Sub-Committee

NR1403E

2. Matters for decision

NC2709

3. Classification in HS 2022 of certain disposable or rechargeable personal electric vapourisers (Request by the Secretariat)

NC2710

4. Classification in HS 2022 of certain collections and collectors’ pieces of numismatic interest (Request by the Secretariat)

NC2711

5. Classification in HS 2022 of cartridges for 3D printers (Request by the Secretariat)

NC2712

## VI. REPORT OF THE PRESESSIONAL WORKING PARTY

Possible amendments to the Compendium of Classification Opinions and the Explanatory Notes consequential to the decisions taken by the Committee at its 64th Session

NC2714

1. Amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify propolis in heading 04.10 (HS code 0410.00)

PRESENTATION Annexe_A_Tatiana

2. Amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify a product called “ ” in heading 18.06 (subheading 1806.32)

PRESENTATION Annexe_B_Tatiana

3. Amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify three vitamin products (“ ”) in heading 21.06 (subheading 2106.90)

PRESENTATION Annexe_C_Jingwan

4. Amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify a tobacco product called “ ” in heading 24.03 (subheading 2403.99)

PRESENTATION Annexe_D_Tatiana

5. Amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify two kinds of tobacco stems (“ ” and “ ”) in heading 24.03 (subheading 2403.99)

PRESENTATION Annexe_E_Tatiana
6. Amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) in heading 27.11 (subheading 2711.19)
   PreSENTATION Annexe_F_ Daniel

7. Amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify a product called “” in heading 70.04 (subheading 7004.90)
   PreSENTATION Annexe_G_ Lamia

8. Amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify two hot-rolled steel plates in heading 72.08 (subheading 7208.52 for Product A and subheading 7208.51 for Product B)
   PreSENTATION Annexe_H_ Sujin

9. Amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify two “Braided cables (”)(Product 1 and Product 3) in heading 73.12 (subheading 7312.10)
   PreSENTATION Annexe_IJ_ Jingwan

10. Amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify an “outdoor unit for variable refrigerant flow (VRF) system for cooling and heating” in heading 84.15 (subheading 8415.90)
    PreSENTATION Annexe_K_ Leo

11. Amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify a “” tap serving instant boiling and chilled filtered water in heading 84.21 (subheading 8421.21)
    PreSENTATION Annexe_L_ Sujin

12. Amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify Solid Oxide Fuel Cells (SOFC) called “” in heading 85.01 (subheading 8501.62)
    PreSENTATION Annexe_M_ Yara

13. Amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify an apparatus called “” in heading n° 85.17 (subheading 8517.12)
    PreSENTATION Annexe_N_ Leo

14. Amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify a “” in heading 87.08 (subheading 8708.99)
    PreSENTATION Annexe_O_ Leo

15. Amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify a motorized flying inflatable boat, model “” in heading 88.02 (subheading 8802.20)
    PreSENTATION Annexe_P_ Justine

16. Amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify an emergency kit for motor vehicles in heading 90.26 (subheading 9026.20)
    PreSENTATION Annexe_Q_ Yara

17. Amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify “dissolved gas analysis (DGA) monitors” in heading 90.27 (subheading 9027.20).
    PreSENTATION Annexe_R_ Sujin
18. Amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify a “single phase electricity smart meter box” in heading 90.28 (subheading 9028.90)

19. Amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify polyurethane anti-stress figures in the shape of footballs in heading 95.03 (HS code 9503.00)

VII. REQUESTS FOR RE-EXAMINATION (RESERVATIONS)

1. Re-examination of the classification of certain dietary sip feeds (Products 1 to 5) (Request by the United States)

2. Re-examination of the classification of a device called “running watch with wrist-based heart rate monitor” (Requests by the United States and Japan)

3. Re-examination of the classification of an apparatus called “” (Request by Ukraine)

4. Re-examination of the classification of two products called “RF Generators and RF Matching Networks” (Request by Korea)

VIII. FURTHER STUDIES

1. Classification of edible insects (Proposal by the Secretariat)

2. Possible amendment of the Explanatory Note to heading 27.11 to clarify the classification of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) (Proposal by the Secretariat)

3. Amendment of the Explanatory Notes to Rule 3 (b) to clarify the classification of sets

4. Possible amendment of the Explanatory Note to heading 91.02

5. Possible amendment of the Explanatory Note to heading 87.03 in relation to micro hybrid vehicles

6. Classification of mild hybrid vehicles

7. Classification of a product called “” (Request by Ecuador)

8. Possible amendment of the Explanatory Note to heading 95.03 (Proposal by the EU)

9. Possible amendment of the Explanatory Note to heading 95.05 (Proposal by the EU)

10. Classification of certain essential oils put up for retail sale (Request by Costa Rica)

11. Classification of two floor polishers called “” (Request by Costa Rica)
12. Classification of a “Self-Propelled Articulated Boom Lift” (Request by Korea)  
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13. Classification of certain food preparations (Request by the United States)  
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14. Classification of a “cutter/ripper” (Request by the Russian Federation)  
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15. Classification of certain new pneumatic tyres, of rubber, intended for vehicles used for the transportation of goods in construction, mining or industry (Request by the Russian Federation)  
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16. Classification of certain preparations of a kind used in animal feeding (Request by Canada)  
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17. Classification of a product called “Tracing Light Box” (Request by Japan)  
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18. Classification of an electronic speed controller called “                      ” (Request by Tunisia)  
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19. Possible amendment of the Explanatory Note to heading 27.10 (Proposal by Japan)  
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20. Possible misalignment between the English and French texts in the Explanatory Note to heading 85.01  
HISTORIC_NC2688  
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IX. NEW QUESTIONS

1. Classification of certain on-street garbage containers (Request by Tunisia)  
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2. Classification of certain food preparations in liquid form (Request by Tunisia)  
NC2727

3. Classification of two products containing cannabidiol (CBD) called “      R” and “       ” (Request by the Secretariat)  
NC2728

4. Classification of dried fish subsequently treated with water (rehydrated dried fish) (Request by Norway)  
NC2729

5. Classification of certain steam boiling generators for steam rooms (Request by Egypt)  
NC2730

6. Classification of a product called “Soy bean flakes” (Request by Madagascar)  
NC2731

7. Classification of a 2-burner ethanol stove (Request by Kenya)  
NC2732

8. Classification of an interactive kiosk for receiving complaints (Request by Egypt)  
NC2733

X. HS ARTICLE 16 RECOMMENDATION

1. Draft HS Convention Article 16 Recommendation concerning the amendment of the HS  
NC2734

XI. ADDITIONAL LIST
XII. OTHER BUSINESS
   1. List of questions which might be examined at a future session

XIII. ELECTIONS

XIV. DATES OF NEXT SESSIONS