

Amendments to the Harmonized System Explanatory Notes – HS Committee 71st Session

The following list contains the decisions taken by the Harmonized System Committee (71st Session – March 2023) concerning amendments to the Harmonized System Explanatory Notes, applicable as of 1 June 2023. This publication will be updated regularly.

The Harmonized System Explanatory Notes are published by WCO in 5 volumes (2022 edition) and reflect the official interpretation of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System. They also contain the text of the Subheading Explanatory Notes indicating the scope and content of certain of the Harmonized System Subheadings. The Explanatory Notes are available in English and French, the two official languages of the WCO, and can be ordered directly (see “Bookshop” on this Web site). They are also available on-line.

The amendments listed below are reproduced in the order of the current pages concerned and will be incorporated into the aforementioned WCO publications in due time by replacing the pages affected by the amendments made.

Advice

Parties seeking to import or export merchandise covered by a decision are advised to verify the implementation of the decision by the importing or exporting country, as the case may be.

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CHAPTER 26.

Heading 26.20. Page V-2620-1. First paragraph.

Delete “This heading covers slag, ash and residues (**other than** those of heading **26.18, 26.19** or **71.12**) which containing metals,” and substitute “This heading covers slag, ash and residues (**other than** those of heading **26.18, 26.19** or **71.12**) containing metals,”.

(Doc. NC3086Ec/S)

CHAPTER 28.

Sub-Chapter I. Page VI-28-I-1. GENERAL. Second paragraph. Fourth column. Sixteenth line.

Delete “Base metal (81.07)” and substitute “Base metal (81.12)”.

(Doc. NC3086Ec/S)

CHAPTER 29.

Heading 29.39.

Page VI-2939-6. New Subheading Explanatory Note.

Insert the following new Subheading Explanatory Note :

“Subheading Explanatory Note.

Subheadings 2939.72, 2939.79 and 2939.80

Subheading 2939.7 covers vegetal alkaloids and their derivatives as well as salts thereof, even if they can also be isolated from non-vegetal sources (e.g., animal or fungi), not elsewhere included in heading 29.39.

Subheading 2939.80 covers all other alkaloids provided that they are not more specifically covered by any other subheading of heading 29.39.”

(Doc. NC3086Ec/O5)

CHAPTER 32.

Heading 32.04. Part (II). Page VI-3204-4.

1. New last paragraph.

Insert the following new last paragraph at the end of Part (II) :

“This heading covers substances that are chemically modified with certain dyes of this heading (e.g., fluoresceine, cyanine, etc.) to form luminophores, generally used as laboratory reagents or for medical imaging purposes.”

2. New exclusion paragraph.

Insert the following new exclusion at the end of Part (II) :

“This heading **excludes** immunological products consisting of conjugates of antibodies or antibody fragments modified with a product of this heading (**heading 30.02**). This heading also **excludes** diagnostic reagents designed to be administered to the patient, being unmixed products put up in measured doses or products consisting of two or more ingredients which have been mixed together for such uses (**heading 30.06**).”

(Doc. NC3086Ec/O/2)

CHAPTER 44.

Page IX-44-4. Subheading Explanatory Note. First paragraph.

Delete and substitute:

“Names of certain tropical woods

For the purposes of the relevant subheadings of headings 44.03, 44.07, 44.08, 44.09, 44.12, 44.14, 44.18, 44.19, and 44.20, the names of tropical woods are designated according to the pilot-names recommended by the International Technical Association for Tropical Timber (l'Association technique internationale des bois tropicaux) (ATIBT), the French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development (Centre de Coopération Internationale en Recherche Agronomique pour le Développement) (CIRAD) and the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO). The pilot-name is based on the popular name employed in the principal country of production or of consumption.”

(Doc. NC3086Ec/O/11)

CHAPTER 44.

Heading 44.03. Page IX-4403-2. First paragraph.

Delete and substitute:

“The principal products classified here, when of the above description, include: timber for sawing; poles for telephone, telegraph or electrical power transmission lines; unpointed and unsplit wood, such as, stakes, poles and props; round pit-props; logs, whether or not quarter-split, for pulping; round logs for the manufacture of veneer sheets, etc.; logs for the manufacture of match sticks, woodware, etc.”.

Heading 44.07. Page IX-4407-2. Second paragraph.

Delete and substitute:

“The products of this heading may be planed (whether or not the angle formed by two adjacent sides is slightly rounded during the planing process), sanded or end-jointed, e.g. finger-jointed. The wood of this heading is not pointed or worked on the ends, except as noted in the General Explanatory Note to this Chapter.”.

(Doc. NC3086Ec/O/3)

CHAPTER 70.

Heading 70.19. Page XIII-7019-3. Item (III). Second paragraph.

Delete “The continuous fibres” and substitute “The discontinuous fibres”

(Doc. NC3086Ec/O/13)

CHAPTER 74.

Heading 74.19. Page XV-7419-1. Subheading Explanatory Note.

Title.

Delete and substitute:

“Subheading 7419.20”.

(Doc. NC3086Ec/S)

CHAPTER 84.

Heading 84.11.

1. Page XVI-8411-1. Second paragraph.

Delete and substitute:

“The turbo-jets, turbo-propellers and other gas turbines of this heading are, in general, gas turbine engines, which are internal combustion engines and do not usually require any external source of heat as does, for example, a steam turbine.”

2. Page XVI-8411-2. Part (C). First paragraph. First line.

Delete “gas-turbine units” and substitute “gas-turbine engines”.

3. Page XVI-8411-2. Part (C). First paragraph. Second line.

Delete “turbo-propeller units” and substitute “turbo-propeller engines”.

4. Page XVI-8411-2. Part (C). Paragraph (1). Second line.

Delete “turbine” and substitute “gas expansion turbine”.

5. Page XVI-8411-2. Part (C). Paragraph (2). Fourth line.

Delete “turbine” and substitute “gas expansion turbine”.

6. Page XVI-8411-2. Part (C). item (a). First line.

Delete “gas turbine unit” and substitute “gas turbine engine”.

7. Page XVI-8411-2. Part (C). item (a). First line.

Delete “turbine” and substitute “gas expansion turbine”.

8. Page XVI-8411-2. Part (C). item (a). Second line.

Delete “turbine” and substitute “gas expansion turbine”.

9. Page XVI-8411-2. Part (C). Item (b). First line.

Delete “gas turbine unit” and substitute “gas turbine engine”.

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CHAPTER 85.

Heading 85.48. Page XVI-8548-1. Part (A).

1. Title.

Delete this title.

2. First paragraph.

Delete “also” in the first line.

(Doc. NC3086Ec/O/14)

CHAPTER 87.

Heading 87.04. Page XVII-8704-1. Heading 8704.3.

French text only.

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CHAPTER 96.

Heading 96.16.

Page XX-9616-1. Item (4).

French text only.

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