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AMENDMENT TO THE HS IN ORDER TO GROUP ALL BITTER LIMES

IN THE SAME SUBHEADING

(Item II.A.24 on the Agenda)

Reference documents :

41.473 (RSC/16)
41.580, Annex B/18 (RSC/16 – Report)
41.819 (RSC/17)
41.920, Annex B/1 (RSC/17 – Report)
42.077 (HSC/21)
42.103 (HSC/21)
42.104 (HSC/21)
42.100, Annex F/3 (HSC/21 – Report)
42.439 (HSC/22)
42.750, Annex G/13 (HSC/22 – Report)

I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 22nd Session in November 1998, the Harmonized System Committee re-examined the classification of limes referred to as *Citrus latifolia* ("Persian" or "Tahiti" or "Bearss" limes).
2. After discussion, the Committee decided, by 22 votes to 8, that *Citrus latifolia* should be classified in subheading 0805.90 in terms of the current legal texts.
3. The Committee then considered the following proposals regarding the classification of *Citrus latifolia* in the HS for the future.
 - (i) An EC proposal that *Citrus latifolia* limes should, in the future, be classified in subheading 0805.30 together with *Citrus aurantifolia* limes by merely mentioning *Citrus latifolia* in subheading 0805.30.
 - (ii) A Mexican proposal to create a new subheading 0805.50 to cover *Citrus latifolia*.

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- (iii) A Moroccan proposal to classify all limes in subheading 0805.30 in the future by amending part of that subheading to refer only to "limes" (without mentioning the Latin names).
 - (iv) To keep the status quo.
4. The Committee decided by 26 votes to 1 to group, in the future, all the bitter limes in the same subheading. There was only one vote in support of creating a new subheading 0805.50 to cover *Citrus latifolia*. There was no support for keeping the status quo.
5. The Secretariat was requested to draft suitable amendments to the Nomenclature, on the above basis, for examination by the Review Sub-Committee at its next session in March 1999.

II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

6. In order to implement the Committee's decision (see paragraph 4 above), subheading 0805.30 needs to be amended. The EC proposal (see Doc. 41.473) is to insert the reference to *Citrus latifolia*, while the Moroccan proposal is to delete the Latin names altogether. The Secretariat has therefore placed both the Latin names in square brackets in the draft texts set out in the Annex. The Secretariat, however, prefers the EC proposal which would clarify the classification of *Citrus latifolia* for the future.
7. The proposed legal amendment would change the scope of subheading 0805.30 as the Committee decided to classify *Citrus latifolia* in subheading 0805.90 under the current legal texts. The Secretariat has therefore suggested a new code 0805.50 for the proposed grouping.

III. CONCLUSION

8. The Sub-Committee is invited to examine the appended draft amendments to the Nomenclature and to the Explanatory Notes.

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ANNEXE

AMENDEMENTS A APPORTER AU SH EN VUE DE REGROUPER
TOUTES LES LIMES AMERES DANS LA MEME SOUS-POSITION

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PROCEDURE DE L'ARTICLE 16

A. AMENDEMENT DE LA NOMENCLATURE

CHAPITRE 08.

N° 0805.30.

Nouvelle rédaction :

"0805.50 - Citrons (*Citrus limon*, *Citrus limonum*) et limes [(*Citrus aurantifolia*, *Citrus latifolia*)]".

B. MODIFICATION DES NOTES EXPLICATIVES

CHAPITRE 08.

Page 59. N° 08.05.

N° 0805.30.

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Page 60. N° 08.05. Premier paragraphe. Troisième ligne.

[Remplacer "(*Citrus aurantifolia*)" par "(*Citrus aurantifolia*, *Citrus latifolia*)"].

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Page 60. Heading 08.05. First paragraph. Third line.

[Delete "(*Citrus aurantifolia*)" and substitute "(*Citrus aurantifolia*, *Citrus latifolia*)"]
