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POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF HEADING 85.28 TO PROVIDE SEPARATELY FOR  
SATELLITE TELEVISION RECEIVERS  
(PROPOSAL BY THE EGYPTIAN ADMINISTRATION)  
(Item III.A.18 on Agenda)

Reference documents :

NR0185E1  
NR0205E2, Annex D/3 (RSC/24 – Report)  
NR0223E1  
NR0253E1  
NR0262E1  
NR0265E3, Annex C/13 (RSC/25 – Report)

I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 25<sup>th</sup> Session, the Review Sub-Committee continued with its study on the possibility of providing separately for satellite television receivers in a new subheading in heading 85.28, on the basis of a proposal made initially by the **Egyptian** Administration, an alternative version put forward by the Secretariat, and proposals made by **Japan** and **Canada**.
2. On the question of whether it was necessary to provide separately for satellite television receivers in a subheading within heading 85.28 and, if so, whether this separate provision should be based on a one-dash or a two-dash subheading, the Sub-Committee first decided in favour of a separate provision. However, there were differing opinions as between the desirability of a one-dash or a two-dash subheading. In this connection, concern was expressed about the difficulty of arriving at a precise definition of the apparatus to be covered by this new subheading, and the question was raised as to whether or not to include other types of television receivers, such as those which receive cable television.

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3. Various suggestions were put forward during the discussion, including creating a legal Note with a view to establishing definitions and, if possible, establishing a distinction between the various types of apparatus, for example on the basis of whether or not they incorporate a video display. A new proposal by the United States, which provided for four two-dash subheadings under the one-dash subheading 8528.1, was put forward during the meeting (see Annex C/13 to Doc. NR0265E3 – RSC/25 – Report).
4. On the question of whether to do away with the distinction between colour, and black and white television receivers, the Sub-Committee agreed that there should be subheadings for black and white receivers and video monitors, because they continue to generate significant trade world-wide.
5. In conclusion, the Sub-Committee decided to return to this matter at the present session, on the basis of a new written proposal from the US Administration, which would be based on Alternative (1) in the proposal put forward by the Secretariat in the Annex to Doc. NR0223E1 (RSC/24), but would also take into account the discussions which had taken place in the Sub-Committee.

## II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

6. At the time of preparation of this document, the Secretariat had not received any new proposals from Contracting Parties with regard to the proposed amendments. The Secretariat has therefore decided to reproduce, in the Annex hereto, the proposal presented during the last meeting by the United States, which reflects the ideas put forward during the discussions.
7. Given the preferences expressed by the Sub-Committee, and the fact that no decision has yet been taken, the Secretariat has also elected to reproduce, in the Annex hereto, its own "Alternative 1", the proposal by Japan, and the proposal by Canada, as amended during the meeting. All these proposals are presented in square brackets, for the Sub-Committee to consider.

## III. CONCLUSION

8. The Sub-Committee is invited to choose which of the various proposals should be adopted for the amendment of the structured nomenclature to heading 85.28.

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SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL

**["85.28 Reception apparatus for television, whether or not incorporating radio-broadcast receivers or sound or video recording or reproducing apparatus; video monitors and video projectors.**

- Reception apparatus for television, whether or not incorporating radio-broadcast receivers or sound or video recording or reproducing apparatus :

8528.11 -- Satellite television receivers

8528.14 -- Other, colour

8528.15 -- Other, black and white or other monochrome

- Video monitors :

8528.21 -- Colour

8528.22 -- Black and white or other monochrome

8528.30 - Video projectors"].

UNITED STATES PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD IN THE LAST  
MEETING (RSC/25)

**["85.28 Reception apparatus for television, whether or not incorporating radio-broadcast receivers or sound or video recording or reproducing apparatus; video monitors and video projectors.**

- Reception apparatus for television, whether or not incorporating radio-broadcast receivers or sound or video recording or reproducing apparatus :

8528.11 -- Apparatus incorporating, or designed to incorporate, a colour video display

8528.14 -- Apparatus incorporating, or designed to incorporate, a black and white or other monochrome video display

8528.15 -- Satellite receivers, not incorporating, or designed to incorporate, a video display

8528.19 -- Other

- Video monitors :

8528.21 -- Colour

8528.22 -- Black and white or other monochrome

8528.30 - Video projectors"].

PROPOSAL BY JAPAN

[**85.28** **Reception apparatus for television, whether or not incorporating radio-broadcast receivers or sound or video recording or reproducing apparatus; video monitors and video projectors.**

- Reception apparatus for television, whether or not incorporating radio-broadcast receivers or sound or video recording or reproducing apparatus :

8528.11 -- Television receivers incorporating a satellite television receiver

8528.14 -- Other, colour

8529.15 -- Other, black and white or other monochrome

- Video monitors :

8528.21 -- Colour

8528.22 -- Black and white or other monochrome

8528.30 - Video projectors"].

PROPOSAL BY CANADA (AMENDED)

[**85.28** **Reception apparatus for television, whether or not incorporating radio-broadcast receivers or sound or video recording or reproducing apparatus; video monitors and video projectors.**

- Television receivers, whether or not incorporating radio-broadcast receivers or sound or video recording or reproducing apparatus :

8528.12 -- Colour

8528.13 -- Black and white or other monochrome

- Video monitors :

8528.21 -- Colour

8528.22 -- Black and white or other monochrome

8528.30 - Video projectors

8528.40 - Digital receivers

8528.50 - Satellite television reception systems

8528.90 - Other"].

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