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PROPOSAL BY THE US ADMINISTRATION TO AMEND THE NOMENCLATURE  
CONCERNING CUT FLOWERS OF HEADING 06.03

(Item III.B.2 on Agenda)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Secretariat received, on 16 February 2001, a proposal with regard to heading 06.03 from the US Administration. The proposal is reproduced in the Annex to this document.

II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

2. Due to the recent arrival of the proposal, the Secretariat considers that it would be appropriate to have a preliminary discussion only at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Review Sub-Committee.

III. CONCLUSION

3. The Sub-Committee is invited to examine the proposal of the US Administration taking into account the comments by the Secretariat in paragraph 2 above.

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**US proposal to amend the Nomenclature concerning  
cut flowers of heading 06.03**

With improvements in transportation and trading methods over the past half century, trade in cut fresh flowers has become an important international activity. In recognition of the importance of trade in these products, the United States proposes that subheading 0603.10 be subdivided to provide separate lines for, respectively, carnations, chrysanthemums and roses.

Heading 06.03.

1. Subheading 0603.10 text.

Delete and substitute :

“Fresh :  
0603.11 Carnations  
0603.12 Chrysanthemums  
0603.13 Roses  
0603.19 Other”

Trade in each of these proposed lines will clearly exceed the criteria established by the Committee for creation of new six-digit lines. Imports into the U.S. are as follows for 1999 :

U.S. Imports of Fresh Flowers, 1999

Proposed line	FAS Value (US\$)
0603.11 Fresh carnations	\$111,654,844
0603.12 Fresh chrysanthemums	\$76,191,786
0603.13 Fresh roses	\$200,826,654
0603.19 Other	\$185,521,521

Source : Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Bureau of the Census