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2006 Customs Business Meeting

Launch of the WCO Harmonized System 2007

The first authoritative international forum
to explore the HS and the major amendments
contained in the 2007 version

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Dear Participants,

We are pleased to welcome you to another of our series of WCO Customs Business Meetings aimed this time at the launch of the 2007 version of the WCO Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS).

This will be the first authoritative international forum that will explore the development and application of the HS and in particular, the major amendments contained in the 2007 version which will become effective from 1 January 2007. These amendments, which will impact positively on the international trade environment, include the latest developments in technology, changes in global trade patterns, environmental and social concerns, and of course the needs of users.

With the HS now being used by more than 200 countries and Customs or Economic Unions around the world, it is recognised as one of the most successful instruments ever developed by the WCO. This international goods nomenclature is used to identify and code goods traded internationally and is widely applied in the Customs, trade, transport, statistics, and taxation sectors.

This event brings together all the major players in the international trade arena and provides an ideal opportunity for stimulating discussions and the robust exchange of ideas.

A programme and further information about this conference are included with this brochure for your convenience.

Enjoy the conference and thank you for joining us.

Best wishes,

Michel Danet
Secretary General
World Customs Organization



About the WCO

As the only intergovernmental organisation with a unique Customs focus, the **World Customs Organization** (WCO) with its headquarters in Brussels currently has 169 Members across the globe at all stages of economic development that collectively process approximately 98% of world trade.

The WCO is particularly noted for its work in areas covering the development of global standards, the simplification and harmonisation of customs procedures, the security of the trade supply chain, the facilitation of world trade, customs enforcement and compliance, anti-counterfeiting and piracy initiatives, integrity promotion, and sustainable global customs capacity building programmes. It also maintains the international Harmonized System goods nomenclature, and administers the technical aspects of the WTO Agreements on Customs Valuation and Rules of Origin.

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Day 1 **Tuesday 26 September 2006**

10 : 00	<p>Welcome by WCO Mr. Michel Danet, Secretary General, WCO Mr. Chriticles Mwansa, Director, Tariff and Trade Affairs Directorate, WCO Secretariat</p>
10 : 30	<p>Introduction and overview by the Moderator, Mr. David Beck, US International Trade Commission, Office of Tariff Affairs and Trade Agreements, Chair of the Harmonized System Committee</p>
Session 1	<p>The HS and statistics</p> <p><i>Trade statistics are extensively used in trade negotiations and in the formulation and establishment of national trade policy. The collection of this data is done on the basis of the HS Nomenclature. The facilitation of international trade and the collection of trade data is part of the HS Convention's objectives. To keep the Nomenclature administrable and up to date, it is necessary to take into account the changes in patterns in international trade.</i></p>
10 : 40	<p>Mr. Andreas Lindner, Head of the International Trade and Structural Business Statistics Section, Statistics Directorate of OECD</p> <p>Mr. Chriticles Mwansa, Director, and Mr. Izaak Wind, Deputy Director, Nomenclature and Classification Sub-Directorate, WCO Secretariat</p> <p>Presentation of Amendments 2007</p>
11 : 20 – 11 : 40	Refreshment Break
12 : 30	Open discussion
13 : 00	Lunch Break
Session 2	<p>The HS and the protection of the environment</p> <p><i>The roles of Customs include the protection of society. A number of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) include the control and monitoring of international trade in certain commodities. Using the HS for these purposes facilitates the objectives of these MEAs. Many amendments included in the HS 2007 edition relate to the protection of the environment (e.g., new subheadings for the identification of certain species of fish, the monitoring and control of products of bamboo (INBAR, FAO), and to the monitoring of pesticides (Rotterdam Convention), ozone-depleting substances (Montreal Protocol) and products containing asbestos.</i></p>
14 : 30	<p>Mr. Rajendra Shende, Head of the OzonAction Branch, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Division of Technology, Industry and Economics (DTIE)</p> <p>Mr. Chriticles Mwansa and Mr. Izaak Wind</p> <p>Presentation of Amendments 2007</p>
16 : 10 – 16 : 20	Refreshment Break
17 : 30	Open discussion
18 : 00	Cocktail
18 : 30	Close of Day 1



Day 2 **Wednesday 27 September 2006**

9 : 30 Welcome by Mr. Chriticles Mwansa, Director, Tariff and Trade Affairs Directorate, WCO Secretariat

10 : 00 Introduction and overview by the Moderator :
Mr. Patrick Joffre, French Customs Administration, Chair of the Review Sub-Committee

Session 3 **The HS and tariff agreements**

Changes in technology have lead to activities in a number of fields. One of these concerns trade agreements, which use the HS Nomenclature as reference point. To accommodate the implementation of such agreements and to recognize new technologies, certain areas in the HS Nomenclature have been restructured, thus emphasizing the multipurpose character of the HS.

10 : 15 Mr. Jürgen Richtering, Head of Section, and Mr. Dayong Yu, Statistician, World Trade Organization (WTO), Statistics and Economic Research Division

Mr. Izaak Wind, Deputy Director, and Mr. Jorn Hindsdal, Technical Officer, Nomenclature and Classification Sub-Directorate, WCO Secretariat
Presentation of amendments 2007

11 : 20 – 11 : 40 **Refreshment Break**

13 : 00 **Lunch Break**

14 : 30 Open discussion

Session 4 **Other major amendments contained in the HS 2007 version**

To enhance the uniform interpretation and application of the HS Nomenclature, texts were amended to clarify the scope of certain provisions and new provisions were created. These amendments will contribute to a better understanding of the HS Nomenclature.

15 : 00 Mr. Richard W. Uschyk, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Commission on Customs and Trade Regulations

Mr. Izaak Wind and Mr. Jorn Hindsdal
Presentation of amendments 2007

16 : 10 – 16 : 30 **Refreshment Break**

17 : 00 Open discussion

17 : 50 Conclusion

18 : 00 Close of the conference



Introduction to the Harmonized System

The Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System - popularly known as the Harmonized System or HS - is one of the most successful instruments ever developed by the World Customs Organization (WCO). It is a multipurpose goods nomenclature used as the basis for Customs tariffs and for the compilation of international trade statistics. As of 1 September 2006, it is being used by more than 200 countries and Customs or Economic Unions across the globe, 124 of which are Contracting Parties to the HS Convention. Given its global application and the fact that it regulates almost 98% of world trade, the HS has become the true "language of international trade".

Owing to its versatile structure and multipurpose nature, the HS is also used for many other purposes such as trade policy, rules of origin, monitoring of controlled goods, internal taxes, freight tariffs, transport statistics, quota controls, and economic research and analysis. Governments and businesses alike use the HS as a unique way of identifying and coding merchandise in order to facilitate international trade including the application of Customs regulations. The HS is, therefore, an important instrument not only for the WCO but also for all parties, public or private, involved with world trade.

While the HS has many uses, the primary use for the present and the foreseeable future is still the collection of Customs duties and taxes. The WCO currently has 169 Members, approximately 80% of which could be characterised as developing or in transition to a market economy. A large number of these countries depend - and will continue to depend - to a great extent on Customs duties as one of the key sources of national revenue. This only serves to emphasise the importance of the HS for day-to-day Customs work. Goods need to be properly classified in order to ensure correct revenue collection and fair and uniform treatment of traders. The HS contains a series of legal provisions to secure its uniform interpretation and application to facilitate Customs controls and international trade. These provisions are supported by the HS Explanatory Notes which are used to officially interpret the HS.

Overview of the HS 2007 amendments

Why is a mobile phone not classified in the same heading of the Customs tariff as a traditional line telephone? Should a multi-functional office machine that incorporates a scanner, a printer, and a fax be regarded as a printer, a copier or something else? Is cachaça a type of rum? What is the difference between a household vacuum cleaner and an industrial one? And a "parquet flooring panel", what is this?

These questions and many more in relation to Customs tariff classification will be answered or will become irrelevant when the amendments to the Harmonized System Nomenclature become effective on 1 January 2007.

The HS Convention emphasises the importance of ensuring that the HS is kept up to date in the light of developments in technology, changes in international trade patterns, and the needs of users. HS 2007 contains 354 sets of amendments, divided as follows: agricultural sector 41; chemical sector 75; paper sector 13; textile sector 46; base metal sector 20; machinery sector 57; other sectors together 102. This is the fourth time that the HS is being amended since its entry into force in 1988.



With a view to simplifying the HS, the amendments include for instance a revised definition of computers – or automatic data processing machines as they are called in the HS – to reflect that these machines nowadays are basically all digital and, in addition, to clarify the classification of separately presented printers, network equipment, loudspeakers, microphones, cameras, and monitors and projectors used in conjunction with a computer. Other classification problems encountered in the high-tech area have also been solved, particularly problems related to electronic equipment which today is capable of performing several functions.

Changing trade patterns also played a role in the current amendments resulting in 29 headings and 203 subheadings being deleted on account of low trade whilst the structured nomenclature (subheadings) of certain HS headings had to be modified. On the other hand, new subheadings were created for products which are now being increasingly traded around the world. As a general rule, headings and subheadings are deleted when annual trade at world level is less than USD 100 million and 50 million respectively. The same thresholds apply for the creation of new headings and subheadings.

Certain textual amendments will facilitate the uniform application of the HS and provide legal certainty with regard to classification decisions. Additionally, other textual amendments will render some texts more consistent with scientific or customary terminology, and with current trade practices.

Environmental and social concerns too played a role in the current amendments. In this respect new subheadings have been created for the separate identification of certain species of fish, and the monitoring and control of products of bamboo, dangerous chemicals, pesticides, ozone-layer depleting substances, and products containing asbestos.

Given that the HS is also used extensively for statistical purposes, both nationally and internationally, the 2007 version will impact on this area of activity as certain code numbers have been added, deleted or re-numbered as a result of the amendments.

It should be emphasised that the amendments to the HS Nomenclature should not affect applied Customs duty rates which, while not a WCO matter, are of concern to the WTO and its Members particularly with respect to tariff concessions.

This whole package of amendments will ensure that the HS remains up to date for the years to come despite rapidly changing product features.

An efficient Customs service is vital to national economic development and social prosperity across the globe. A Customs tariff instrument that reflects the latest developments in trade patterns and product technology is an indispensable tool to attain national objectives. HS 2007 reflects these changes; the ball is now in the court of the users!



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- Become more familiar with the origin, nature and scope of these wide-ranging amendments
- Appreciate the usefulness of the HS and its contribution to global trade facilitation

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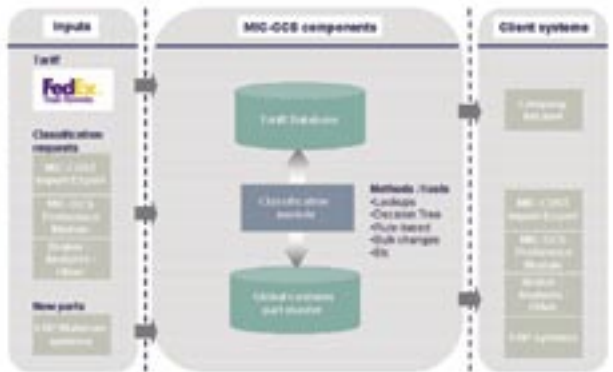
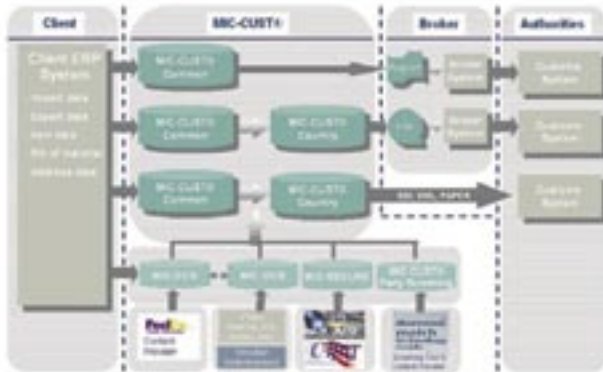


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