

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL\*  
ON THE INSERTION IN NATIONAL STATISTICAL NOMENCLATURES OF  
SUBHEADINGS TO FACILITATE THE COLLECTION AND COMPARISON OF  
TRADE DATA ON HAND-MADE PRODUCTS

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THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL,

NOTING that the Harmonized System has been widely adopted by countries and Customs or economic unions,

RECOGNIZING that hand-made products represent a significant share of trade and tourism revenues for developing countries as well as developed countries,

CONSIDERING that hand-made products have not been separately identified in the Harmonized System,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the request by the International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO) for the collection and comparison of trade data on hand-made products with a view to formulating trade promotion strategies at international level for such products,

RECOMMENDS that Member administrations, Contracting Parties to the Harmonized System Convention and countries using Harmonized System-based statistical nomenclatures take all appropriate action to :

- (1) lay down, in their statistical nomenclatures, a definition of hand-made products;
- (2) lay down, in their statistical nomenclatures, provisions in respect of the certification of hand-made products as such, if they deem it necessary;
- (3) insert in their statistical nomenclatures, as soon as possible, as many additional subdivisions for hand-made products as they deem necessary;

and

REQUESTS Member administrations and Contracting Parties to the Harmonized System Convention to notify the Secretary General of :

- (1) the definition of hand-made products laid down in their statistical nomenclatures;
- (2) the provisions in respect of the certification of hand-made products, if any, laid down in their statistical nomenclatures;
- (3) the list of subdivisions in their statistical nomenclatures for hand-made products;  
and
- (4) their acceptance of this Recommendation and the date of its application.

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\* The Customs Co-operation Council is the official name of the World Customs Organization.