

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft

TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE

Note by the Chairman

(Mr. K. Sangway - United Kingdom)

The Technical Sub-Committee met on 7 and 8 October 1985 to continue work related with the Harmonized System, as requested by the Committee (AIR/M/12, page 2).

1. Consolidation of Aircraft Annex in Harmonized System

The Sub-Committee continued its examination of a proposed transposition of the Aircraft Annex into the Harmonized System Nomenclature, on the basis of an informal paper dated 18 July 1985 prepared by the Secretariat. It was understood that the Sub-Committee's work was exploratory, and did not commit Signatories' respective governments as to the final outcome.

The Technical Sub-Committee undertook a third examination of draft Harmonized System language, and made good progress in narrowing the differences of product coverage between current CCCN, TSUS and CTS lists in the Annex, in terms of HS 6-digit items. Of some 260 6-digit Harmonized System items under consideration, only some twenty items need further consideration.

The Technical Sub-Committee thanked the Customs Co-operation Council for its prompt co-operation on the interpretation and classification of two specific items it had referred to it. The Sub-Committee had a first discussion of the technical merit of maintaining a CCCN, modified to take account of the Harmonized System transposition, to be derived from the Harmonized System. The Technical Sub-Committee would revert to this matter as well as to the examination of a proposed draft Headnote at the next meeting.

The results of the six examinations by the Technical Sub-Committee are contained in an informal paper dated 17 October 1985, which includes results of the third reading of draft language.

2. Dates of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was set for 24-25 February 1986; a final report on Harmonized System transposition would be made to the Committee at its meeting of 23-24 April 1986.

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