

based on measurements of involvement in the transportation of hazardous materials. Two minor changes will be adopted for the 1996-97 Registration Year: (1) Foreign offerors will be permanently excepted from the registration requirement as long as the country in which they are domiciled does not impose a registration or a fee upon U.S. companies for offering hazardous materials into that country, and (2) the definition of "materials extremely toxic by inhalation" will be expanded to include all materials poisonous by inhalation that meet the criteria for hazard zone A. For more information, see the Final Rule on Docket HM-208B published in the **Federal Register** on May 23, 1995 (60 FR 27231).

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Alan I. Roberts,

Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

Dates and Draft Agenda of the Ninth Session of the Scientific Subcommittee of the World Customs Organization

AGENCY: U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Publication of the dates and draft agenda of the ninth session of the Scientific Subcommittee of the World Customs Organization.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the dates and draft agenda for the next session of the Scientific Subcommittee of the World Customs Organization.

DATES: June 7, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ira Reese, Office of Laboratories and Scientific Services, U.S. Customs Service (202-927-1060).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The United States is a contracting party to the International Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System ("Harmonized System Convention"). The Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System ("Harmonized System"), an international nomenclature system, forms the core of the U.S. tariff, the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States. The Harmonized System Convention is under the jurisdiction of the World Customs Organization ("WCO") (established as the Customs Cooperation Council).

Article 6 of the Harmonized System Convention establishes a Harmonized System Committee ("HSC"). The HSC is composed of representatives from each of the contracting parties to the Harmonized System Convention. The HSC's responsibilities include issuing classification decisions on the

interpretation of the Harmonized System. Those decisions may take the form of published tariff classification opinions concerning the classification of an article under the Harmonized System or amendments to the Explanatory Notes to the Harmonized System. The HSC also considers amendments to the legal text of the Harmonized System. The HSC meets twice a year in Brussels, Belgium.

The HSC is often assisted in its technical work by the Scientific Subcommittee ("SSC"). The SSC is an advisory body of the WCO on questions involving technical matters. Generally, its members are representatives from the customs laboratories of WCO members. The SSC assists the HSC by providing technical advice on questions referred to it by the HSC. The SSC usually meets once a year in Brussels, Belgium. This year, however, it will meet twice (as it already met last January). The next session of the SSC will be its ninth, and it will be held from June 26 to June 30, 1995.

The U.S. Department of the Treasury, represented by the U.S. Customs Service, will represent the U.S. government at the sessions of the SSC.

Set forth below is the draft agenda for the next session of the SSC. Copies of available agenda-item documents may be obtained from the above-listed individual. Comments on agenda items may be directed to that same individual.

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Acting Director, Office of Laboratories and Scientific Services.

Attachment: Attachment A*Draft Agenda for the Ninth Session of the Scientific Sub-Committee*

From: Monday, 26 June 1995 (10 a.m.)

To: Friday, 30 June 1995

I. Adoption of the Agenda

Draft Agenda Doc. 39.433

II. Technical Questions

1. Classification of quartz derived from acid- and heat-treated alaskite ores Doc. 39.453

2. Possible amendments to the Nomenclature to clarify the classification of butyl titanate Doc. 39.435

3. Scope of the term "sugars" Doc. 39.436

4. Classification of certain vitamin-based preparations Doc. 39.438

5. Possible amendments to the Explanatory Note to heading 29.22 Doc. 39.439

6. Analytical methods and criteria for distinguishing between concentrated and normal fruit juices Doc. 39.440

7. Possible amendments to the Explanatory Note to heading 29.38: glycosides Doc. 39.441

8. Classification of "Gamma Grip" and "Gamma Hi-Tech" Doc. 39.452

9. Divergent classification concerning certain INN products and pharmaceutical intermediates Doc. 39.379

10. Classification and chemical nomenclature of certain toxic/dangerous chemicals controlled by the Chemical Weapons Convention. Doc. 39.444

11. Scope of the term "derivatives" Doc. 39.445

12. Draft Recommendation and possible amendments to the Explanatory Notes concerning narcotic drugs, and psychotropic substances and their precursors. Doc. 39.445

13. Amendments to the Explanatory Notes concerning the chemical names Doc. 39.454

III. General Questions

1. Draft Sections of the Customs Laboratory Guide:

a. Operation activities (I) of a standard Customs laboratory Doc. 39.359

b. Operation activities (II) of a standard Customs laboratory Doc. 39.448

c. Laboratory equipment, instruments and apparatus Doc. 39.449

d. Illicit Drug analysis Doc. 39.450

2. Technical Assistance regarding the Establishment or Improvement of Customs Laboratories in Developing Countries:

Demand for Technical Assistance by Developing Countries Doc. 39.451

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