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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Customs Service****19 CFR Parts 10, 12, 102 and 134**

[T.D. 96-48]

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Rules for Determining the Country of Origin of a Good for Purposes of Annex 311 of the North American Free Trade Agreement; Corrections

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

ACTION: Final rule; corrections.

SUMMARY: This document makes corrections to the document published in the Federal Register which set forth final amendments to the Customs Regulations regarding the rules for determining when the country of origin of a good is one of the parties to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) as required by Annex 311 of the NAFTA.

EFFECTIVE DATE: These corrections are effective August 5, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandra L. Gethers, Office of Regulations and Rulings (202-482-6980).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On June 6, 1996, Customs published in the Federal Register (61 FR 28932) as T.D. 96-48 a document which adopted as a final rule, with some modifications, interim amendments to the Customs Regulations that established the rules for determining when the country of origin of a good is one of the parties to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) as required by Annex 311 of the NAFTA. Those final NAFTA Marking Rules apply only to all goods imported from Canada or Mexico other than textile and apparel products, and do not apply to trade with other countries. The June 6, 1996, notice provided for an August 5, 1996, effective date for the final regulations. A

document correcting several errors in T.D. 96-48 was published in the Federal Register on July 1, 1996 (61 FR 33845).

This document corrects two additional errors published in T.D. 96-48.

One error involved the Discussion of Comments portion of the document under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. Specifically, the public comment discussion regarding the § 102.20 tariff shift rule for subheadings 8482.10-8482.80 (bearings) dealt with only one comment, which was opposed to the proposed tariff shift rule. However, that comment discussion failed to reflect that another comment, which was in favor of the proposed rule, was also received by Customs. This document corrects the comment discussion to more accurately reflect the totality of public comments received on this matter.

The second error involved the table under § 102.20 of the final regulatory texts. Specifically, the entry for HTSUS 8540.71-8540.99 reflected a typographical error in that the reference "8540.99" should have read "8540.89" in the "HTSUS" column and in the corresponding "Tariff shift and/or other requirements" column. This document sets forth the HTSUS entry in its entirety to correct this typographical error.

Corrections of Publication

Accordingly, the document published in the Federal Register as T.D. 96-48 on June 6, 1996 (61 FR 28932) is corrected as set forth below.

Correction to the Discussion of Comments Section

On page 28949, in the third column, the paragraphs under the heading *Subheadings 8482.10-8482.80 (Bearings)* are corrected to read as follows:

Comments: The § 102.20 rule set forth in the May 5, 1995, notice of proposed rulemaking for subheadings 8482.10 through 8482.80 provides as follows:

A change to subheading 8482.10 through 8482.80 from any other heading; or

A change to subheading 8482.10 through 8482.80 from any other subheading, including another subheading within that group, except from inner or outer races or rings of subheading 8482.99.

Two comments were received on the proposed rule. The first commentator claimed that the processes of grinding, polishing and heat treating of rings and races should confer origin. The second commentator strongly supported the

Customs proposal and provided arguments supporting its position that unfinished races or rings, which have the essential characteristics of the finished components, should determine the country of origin of the bearings, whether or not additional heat treatment or other finishing operations are performed on the races or rings.

Customs response: Customs agrees with the second commenter. It remains the position of Customs that the operations described by the first commenter are merely finishing operations which do not confer origin. None of these operations changes the essential character of the article which is processed. The name, character and use of the article remain the same after these operations are performed. See *National Hand Tool Corp. v. United States, supra*, wherein the court held that operations such as grinding, polishing and heat treating are merely finishing operations which do not constitute a substantial transformation. Therefore, the revision of the § 102.20 rule for these goods should be adopted as proposed.

Correction to the Final Regulations

At the bottom of page 28975, the entry for HTSUS 8540.71-8540.99 is corrected to read as follows:

8540.71-8540.89—A change to subheading 8540.71 through 8540.89 from any other subheading, including another subheading within that group.

Dated: August 6, 1996.

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Assistant Commissioner, Office of Regulations and Rulings.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE**22 CFR Part 126**

[Public Notice 2422]

Bureau of Political-Military Affairs; Amendment to the List of Proscribed Destinations

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is amending the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) to reflect that it is no longer the policy of the United States to deny licenses, other approvals, exports and imports of defense articles and defense services, destined for or originating in Ukraine. All requests for approval involving items covered by the