

The following list contains the decisions taken by the Harmonized System Committee (58th Session – October 2016) concerning amendments to the Harmonized System Explanatory Notes, applicable as of 1 January 2017. This publication will be updated regularly.

The Harmonized System Explanatory Notes are published by WCO in 5 volumes (2017 edition) and reflect the official interpretation of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System. They also contain the text of the Subheading Explanatory Notes indicating the scope and content of certain of the Harmonized System Subheadings. The Explanatory Notes are available in English and French, the two official languages of the WCO, and can be ordered directly (see “Bookshop” on this Web site). They are also available on-line.

The amendments listed below are reproduced in the order of the current pages concerned and will be incorporated into the aforementioned WCO publications in due time by replacing the pages affected by the amendments made.

Advice

Parties seeking to import or export merchandise covered by a decision are advised to verify the implementation of the decision by the importing or exporting country, as the case may be.

o
o o

AMENDMENTS TO THE EXPLANATORY NOTES

CHAPTER 20.

Heading 20.09. Page IV-2009-2. First paragraph.

Delete and substitute :

“The fruit and vegetable juices of this heading are generally obtained by mechanically opening or pressing fresh, healthy and ripe fruit or vegetables. This may be done (as in the case of citrus fruits) by means of mechanical “extractors” operating on the same principle as the household lemon-squeezer, or by pressing which may or may not be preceded either by crushing or grinding (for apples in particular) or by treatment with cold or hot water or with steam (e.g., tomatoes, blackcurrants and certain vegetables such as carrots and celery). The juices of this heading also include coconut water.”.

Heading 20.09. Page IV-2009-2. First paragraph.

1. Item (a).

Delete and substitute :

“(a) **Clarification**, to separate the juice from most of the solids, by means of clarifying substances (gelatin, albumin, infusorial earth, etc.) or of enzymes, by centrifuging or by ultrafiltration, this last process being used also for the sterilization of products.”.

2. Item (b).

Delete the term “asbestos,”.

CHAPTER 22.

Heading 22.02. Page IV-2202-1.

1. New part (B).

Insert the following new part (B) :

“(B) **Non-alcoholic beer**. This group includes :

- (1) Beer made from malt, the alcoholic strength of which by volume has been reduced to 0.5 % vol. or less.
- (2) Ginger beer and herb beer, having an alcoholic strength by volume not exceeding 0.5 % vol.
- (3) Mixtures of beer and non-alcoholic beverages (e.g., lemonade), having an alcoholic strength by volume not exceeding 0.5 % vol.”.

2. Current part (B).

Reletter current part (B) as part (C).

Heading 22.03.

Page IV-2203-1. First paragraph. First sentence.

Delete “malted barley or wheat,” and substitute “malted cereals (most commonly barley or wheat),”.

CHAPTER 29.

Heading 29.39.

Page VI-2939-6. Part (IJ).

1. Part (1). Third line.

Delete “teolocidin B4” and substitute “teleocidin B4”.

2. Part (2). First and second lines.

Delete “Histrinocotoxin*” and “epabitidine” and substitute “Histrionicotoxin*” and “epibatidine”, respectively.

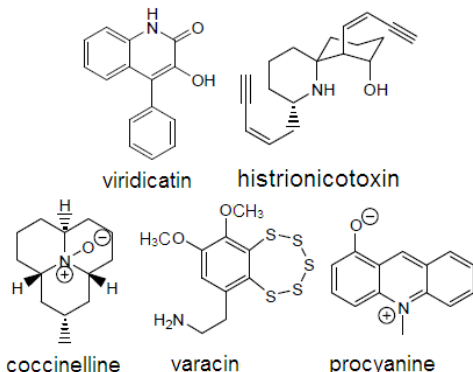
3. Part (3). First line.

Only French version.

Page VI-29-Annex-51. Heading 29.39. Page VI-2939-6. Part (IJ).

Delete and substitute :

“

VI-2939-6		(IJ)		Alkaloids of non-vegetal origin : viridicatin (fungal), histrionicotoxin (animal), coccinelline (insect), varacin (marine) and procyanine (bacterial)	 <p>viridicatin histrionicotoxin</p> <p>coccinelline varacin procyanine</p>
-----------	--	------	--	---	---

”

CHAPTER 33.

Heading 33.04. Page VI-3304-2. Exclusion paragraph. New item (c).

Insert the following new item (c) :

“(c) Artificial fingernails (of plastics, **heading 39.26**; of other materials, classification according to the constituent material).”.

CHAPTER 39.

Heading 39.26. Page VII-3926-2. New item (13).

Insert the following new item (13) :

“(13) Artificial fingernails.”.

CHAPTER 69.

Heading 69.02. Page XIII-6902-1. Subheading Explanatory Note. Subheading 6902.10. Last two sentences.

French text only.

CHAPTER 84.

Heading 84.15. Page XVI-8415-3. Subheading Explanatory Notes.

Subheading 8415.10. New second paragraph.

Insert the following new second paragraph :

“The term “fixed” means placed or set into position in a more or less permanent manner, taking into account factors such as size, weight, physical construction (e.g. the presence or absence of castors or handles), interconnections, etc.”.

CHAPTER 95.

Heading 95.03. Page XX-9503-2. Part (D). Item (xix).

Delete and substitute :

“Hoops, skipping ropes, diabolo spools and sticks, spinning and humming tops, balls (**other than** balls of **heading 95.04 or 95.06**).”.
