

## Amendments to the Harmonized System Explanatory Notes – HS Committee 67<sup>th</sup> Session

The following list contains the decisions taken by the Harmonized System Committee (**67<sup>th</sup> Session – April 2021**) concerning amendments to the Harmonized System Explanatory Notes, applicable as of 1 July 2021. 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.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE EXPLANATORY NOTES

CHAPTER 24.

Heading 24.03. Page IV-2403-1. Exclusion (a).

Delete and substitute :

“(a) Nicotine (the toxic alkaloid extracted from tobacco) (**heading 29.39**).”.

*(Doc. NC2803Eb/T/1)*

CHAPTER 29.

Page VI-29- List I-10.

Delete :

“(a) Etryptamine (INN)	<b>2939.99</b>
(b) Etryptamine acetate	<b>2939.99</b>
(c) Etryptamine hydrochloride	<b>2939.99”.</b>

And substitute

“(a) Etryptamine (INN)	<b>2939.79</b>
(d) Etryptamine acetate	<b>2939.79</b>
(e) Etryptamine hydrochloride	<b>2939.79”.</b>

*(Doc. NC2803Eb/T/9)*

CHAPITRE 30.

Heading 30.02. Part (D) (1).

Add the following new third paragraph :

“In addition, the heading covers nucleic acid vaccines. Some examples include DNA plasmid vaccines and messenger RNA (mRNA) vaccines. DNA plasmid vaccines carry protein encoding genes from the pathogen of interest while the mRNA encodes for a specific protein of the pathogen. Both DNA plasmid and mRNA either replicate within the body or signal the body to replicate the desired antigens which results in an immune response”.

*(Doc. NC2803Eb/T/12)*

CHAPTER 65.

Page XII-65-1. General. Exclusion (f).

French text only

*(Doc. NC2803Fb/T/15)*

CHAPTER 73.

Heading 73.23. Page XV-7323-2. Part (A). Third Paragraph.

“Delete “clothes-hangers,” and substitute “clothes hangers”.

*(Doc. NC2803Eb/T/27)*

CHAPTER 85.

Heading 85.01. Page XVI-8501-3. Part (A). Paragraph 5, line 3.

“French text only”

*(Doc. NC2803Eb/T/16)*

CHAPTER 87.

Heading 87.03.

Page XVII-8703-3. New penultimate paragraph.

Insert new penultimate paragraph:

“However, vehicles with an electric power source, such as an integrated alternator/starter, that is used **only** for non-propulsion functions are not classified as HEVs. These power sources can be used for running stop-start systems and may have regenerative braking and charge management systems. Such vehicles may be referred to as having “hybrid technology” or being a “micro hybrid”, but do not have an electric motor for propulsion.”.

*(Doc. NC2803Eb/T/14)*

CHAPTER 95.

1. Heading 95.03.

Page XX-95.03-3. Part (D). Item (14).

Delete and substitute:

“(14) Toy tableware and other toy household articles; toy shops and the like, farmyard sets, etc.”

*(Doc. NC2803Eb/T/13)*

2. Heading 95.05.

Page XX-9505-1. Part (A). Item (3).

Delete and substitute :

“(3) Articles of fancy dress, e.g., masks, false ears and noses, wigs, false beards and oustaches (**not being** articles of postiche – **heading 67.04**), and paper hats.”.

*(Doc. NC2803Eb/T/15)*

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