

# U.S. Customs and Border Protection



## **DATES AND DRAFT AGENDA OF THE SIXTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM COMMITTEE OF THE WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION**

**AGENCIES:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, and U.S. International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Publication of the dates and draft agenda for the sixty-fifth session of the Harmonized System Committee of the World Customs Organization.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the dates and draft agenda for the next session of the Harmonized System Committee of the World Customs Organization.

**DATE:** January 27, 2020

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### **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 (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 next session of the HSC will be the sixty-fifth and it will be held from March 11, 2020 to March 20, 2020.

In accordance with section 1210 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100–418), the Department of Homeland Security, represented by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Department of Commerce, represented by the Census Bureau, and the U.S. International Trade Commission (“ITC”), jointly represent the U.S. The Customs and Border Protection representative serves as the head of the delegation at the sessions of the HSC.

Set forth below is the draft agenda for the next session of the HSC. Copies of available agenda-item documents may be obtained from either U.S. Customs and Border Protection or the ITC. Comments on agenda items may be directed to the above-listed individuals.

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Attachments



WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION  
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HARMONIZED SYSTEM  
COMMITTEE

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65<sup>th</sup> Session

NC2694Ea

Brussels, 13 January 2020.

**DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE 65<sup>TH</sup> SESSION  
OF THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM COMMITTEE**

From : Wednesday 11 March 2020 (10 a.m.)

To : Friday 20 March 2020

N.B. : From Monday 9 March 2020 (9.30 a.m.) to Tuesday 10 March 2020: Presessional Working Party (to examine the questions under Agenda Item VI).

Wednesday 11 March 2020 (9.30 a.m.): Adoption of the Report of the 56th Session of the HS Review Sub-Committee.

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	3. Amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify three vitamin products (“ ”) in heading 21.06 (subheading 2106.90)	PRESENTATION_ Annexe_C_ Jingwan
	4. Amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify a tobacco product called “ ” in heading 24.03 (subheading 2403.99)	PRESENTATION_ Annexe_D_ Tatiana
	5. Amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify two kinds of tobacco stems (“ ” and “ ”) in heading 24.03 (subheading 2403.99)	PRESENTATION_ Annexe_E_ Tatiana

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| 6.  | Amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) in heading 27.11 (subheading 2711.19)  | PRESEN-<br>TATION_<br>Annexe_F_<br>Daniel   |
| 7.  | Amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify a product called “ ” in heading 70.04 (subheading 7004.90)   | PRESEN-<br>TATION_<br>Annexe_G_<br>Lamia    |
| 8.  | Amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify two hot-rolled steel plates in heading 72.08 (subheading 7208.52 for Product A and subheading 7208.51 for Product B)       | PRESEN-<br>TATION_<br>Annexe_H_<br>Sujin    |
| 9.  | Amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify two “Braided cables ( )” (Product 1 and Product 3) in heading 73.12 (subheading 7312.10)                                   | PRESEN-<br>TATION_<br>Annexe_IJ_<br>Jingwan |
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| 11. | Amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify a “ ” tap serving instant boiling and chilled filtered water in heading 84.21 (subheading 8421.21)                         | PRESEN-<br>TATION_<br>Annexe_L_<br>Sujin    |
| 12. | Amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify Solid Oxide Fuel Cells (SOFC) called “ ” in heading 85.01 (subheading 8501.62)   | PRESEN-<br>TATION_<br>Annexe_M_<br>Yara     |
| 13. | Amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify an apparatus called “ ” in heading n° 85.17 (subheading 8517.12)   | PRESEN-<br>TATION_<br>Annexe_N_<br>Leo      |
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| 16. | Amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify an emergency kit for motor vehicles in heading 90.26 (subheading 9026.20)  | PRESEN-<br>TATION_<br>Annexe_Q_<br>Yara     |
| 17. | Amendment to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify “dissolved gas analysis (DGA) monitors” in heading 90.27 (subheading 9027.20).   | PRESEN-<br>TATION_<br>Annexe_R_<br>Sujin    |



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| 13. Classification of certain food preparations (Request by the United States)  | HISTORIC_<br>NC2676<br>HSC/64 |
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