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II

(Non-legislative acts)

REGULATIONS

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2020/1701**of 10 November 2020****concerning the classification of certain goods in the Combined Nomenclature**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 October 2013 laying down the Union Customs Code ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 57(4) and Article 58(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure uniform application of the Combined Nomenclature annexed to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 ⁽²⁾, it is necessary to adopt measures concerning the classification of the goods referred to in the Annex to this Regulation.
- (2) Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 has laid down the general rules for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature. Those rules apply also to any other nomenclature which is wholly or partly based on it or which adds any additional subdivision to it and which is established by specific provisions of the Union, with a view to the application of tariff and other measures relating to trade in goods.
- (3) Pursuant to those general rules, the goods described in column (1) of the table set out in the Annex should be classified under the CN code indicated in column (2), by virtue of the reasons set out in column (3) of that table.
- (4) It is appropriate to provide that binding tariff information issued in respect of the goods concerned by this Regulation which does not conform to this Regulation may, for a certain period, continue to be invoked by the holder in accordance with Article 34(9) of Regulation (EU) No 952/2013. That period should be set at three months.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Customs Code Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The goods described in column (1) of the table set out in the Annex shall be classified within the Combined Nomenclature under the CN code indicated in column (2) of that table.

Article 2

Binding tariff information which does not conform to this Regulation may continue to be invoked in accordance with Article 34(9) of Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 for a period of three months from the date of entry into force of this Regulation.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 269, 10.10.2013, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff (OJ L 256, 7.9.1987, p. 1).

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 10 November 2020.

*For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
Gerassimos THOMAS
Director-General
Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union*

ANNEX

Description of the goods	Classification (CN code)	Reasons
(1)	(2)	(3)
A product, put up in a set for retail sale, packed in a black cotton bag, consisting of two articles: — a stainless steel tube of circular cross-section with a length of approximately 21,5 cm and a diameter of approximately 0,5 cm. It has a number of notches to help ensure a firm grip. It is designed to be used as a reusable drinking straw; — a twisted stainless steel brush with a length of approximately 20,2 cm and a brush head made of nylon hair with a diameter of 0,5 cm. The brush is designed to fit through the straw to clean it after use. See image (*).	7323 93 00	Classification is determined by general rules 1, 3(b) and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature, and by the wording of CN codes 7323 and 7323 93 00. The component that gives the set its essential character is the tube, that can be used as a reusable drinking straw even if not accompanied by the brush. The brush, on the other hand, is only of ancillary nature. The objective characteristics of the product (specific dimensions, shape, degree of processing, food safe material, presence of circumferential creases) make it identifiable as a finished product (drinking straw) of heading 7323. Classification under heading 7304 or 7306 as tubes, pipes and hollow profiles is therefore excluded as the product is a specific finished article covered by another heading. Consequently, the product is to be classified under CN code 7323 93 00 as other household articles of stainless steel.

(*) The image is purely for information.



COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2020/1702
of 10 November 2020
concerning the classification of certain goods in the Combined Nomenclature

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 October 2013 laying down the Union Customs Code ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 57(4) and Article 58(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure uniform application of the Combined Nomenclature annexed to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 ⁽²⁾, it is necessary to adopt measures concerning the classification of the goods referred to in the Annex to this Regulation.
- (2) Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 has laid down the general rules for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature. Those rules apply also to any other nomenclature which is wholly or partly based on it or which adds any additional subdivision to it and which is established by specific provisions of the Union, with a view to the application of tariff and other measures relating to trade in goods.
- (3) Pursuant to those general rules, the goods described in column (1) of the table set out in the Annex should be classified under the CN code indicated in column (2), by virtue of the reasons set out in column (3) of that table.
- (4) It is appropriate to provide that binding tariff information issued in respect of the goods concerned by this Regulation which does not conform to this Regulation may, for a certain period, continue to be invoked by the holder in accordance with Article 34(9) of Regulation (EU) No 952/2013. That period should be set at three months.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Customs Code Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The goods described in column (1) of the table set out in the Annex shall be classified within the Combined Nomenclature under the CN code indicated in column (2) of that table.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 269, 10.10.2013, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff (OJ L 256, 7.9.1987, p. 1).

Article 2

Binding tariff information which does not conform to this Regulation may continue to be invoked in accordance with Article 34(9) of Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 for a period of three months from the date of entry into force of this Regulation.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

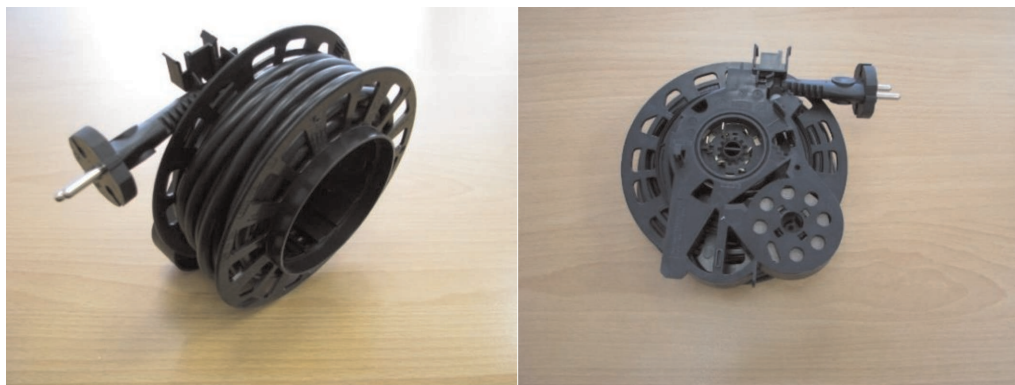
Done at Brussels, 10 November 2020.

*For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
Gerassimos THOMAS
Director-General
Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union*

ANNEX

Description of the goods	Classification (CN code)	Reasons
(1)	(2)	(3)
Cable winding system consisting of the following components: — a cable fitted with a connector (a plug) at one end for a voltage not exceeding 1 000 V; — a plastic cable winder equipped with a spring operated retractable mechanism (including a brake system to stop the winding), a brass contact system for transmission of electric current and plastic fittings. It is designed to be built into a vacuum cleaner. See images (*).	8544 42 90	Classification is determined by general rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature, note 3 to Section XVI and by the wording of CN codes, 8544, 8544 42 and 8544 42 90. Classification under heading 8508 as parts of vacuum cleaners is excluded as based on its objective characteristics the article is not identifiable as being solely or principally suitable for a vacuum cleaner. The article is a composite machine (its components are fitted together to form a whole) within the meaning of note 3 to Section XVI, consisting essentially of a cable fitted with a connector of heading 8544 and a winder of heading 8479. It is the cable that performs the principal function of the machine. The article is therefore to be classified under CN code 8544 42 90 as other electrical conductors, for a voltage not exceeding 1 000 V, fitted with connectors.

(*) The images are purely for information.



COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2020/1703**of 13 November 2020****on uniform conditions for the transmission of time series for the new regional breakdown pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 May 2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 5(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 provides the legal framework for the regional classification in order to enable the collection, compilation and dissemination of harmonised regional statistics in the Union.
- (2) The Commission has amended the common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/1755 ⁽²⁾ with effect from 1 January 2021.
- (3) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the European Statistical System Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Member States shall transmit to the Commission (Eurostat) the time series for the new regional breakdown in accordance with the Annex by 1 January 2023.

*Article 2*This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 13 November 2020.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 154, 21.6.2003.

⁽²⁾ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/1755 of 8 August 2019 amending the Annexes to Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) (OJ L 270, 24.10.2019, p. 1).

ANNEX

Required starting year by statistical domain

Domain	NUTS level 2	NUTS level 3
Agriculture	2016	
Demography – population, live births, deaths	1990 ⁽¹⁾	1990 ⁽²⁾
Labour market – employment, unemployment	2016	2016 ⁽³⁾
Education	2013	
Environment – waste treatment facilities	2018	
Health – causes of death	2011	
Health – infrastructure	1996 ⁽⁴⁾	
Health – patients	2003 ⁽⁵⁾	
Information society	2016 ⁽⁶⁾	
Regional accounts – Household accounts by region	2000	
Regional accounts – Accounts by industry and by region	2000	2000
Science and technology – R & D expenditure and personnel	2016	
Tourism	2018	

⁽¹⁾ Transmission is not mandatory for reference years 1990 to 2012.

⁽²⁾ Transmission is not mandatory for reference years 1990 to 2012.

⁽³⁾ The transmission is not mandatory.

⁽⁴⁾ The transmission is not mandatory.

⁽⁵⁾ The transmission is not mandatory.

⁽⁶⁾ The transmission is not mandatory.

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