Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

General Notices

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(No. 9 2005)

AGENCY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

SUMMARY: Presented herein are the copyrights, trademarks, and trade names recorded with U.S. Customs and Border Protection during the month of September 2005. The last notice was published in the CUSTOMS BULLETIN on October 19, 2005.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Delois Johnson, Paralegal, Intellectual Property Rights Branch, (202) 572–8710.

Dated: January 11, 2006.

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DATES AND DRAFT AGENDA OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH 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 thirty-seventh 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 20, 2006

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joan A. Jackson, Staff Assistant, Tariff Classification and Marking Branch, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (202–572–8831), or David Beck, Acting Director, Office of Tariff Affairs and Trade Agreements, U.S. International Trade Commission (202–205–2592).

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 thirty-seventh, and it will be held from March 20, 2006 to March 31, 2006.

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. government at the sessions of the HSC. 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 Customs and Border Protection or the ITC. Comments on agenda items may be directed to the above-listed individuals.

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Chief,
Tariff Classification and Marking Branch.

Attachment



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HARMONIZED SYSTEM COMMITTEE

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37th Session

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Brussels, 20 January 2006.

DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE 37TH SESSION OF THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM COMMITTEE

From : Monday, 20 March 2006 (11.00 a.m.)

To : Friday, 31 March 2006

N.B. : Thursday, 16 March 2006 (10.00 a.m.) and Friday, 17 March 2006 : Presessional Working Party (to examine the questions under Agenda Item VII)

 $\underline{\text{Monday, 20 March 2006 (9.30 a.m.} - 10.30 a.m.)}$: Adoption of the Report of the 32nd Session of the Review Sub-Committee

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

	1.	Draft Agenda	NC1006E1b
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	2.	Draft Timetable	NC1007B1a
И.	REPO	ORT BY THE SECRETARIAT	
	1.	Position regarding Contracting Parties to the HS Convention and	000000000
		related matters	NC1008E1a
	2.	Report on the last meeting of the Policy Commission (54th	
		Session)	NC1009E1a
	3.	Approval of decisions taken by the Harmonized System	
		Committee at its 36 th Session	NG0105E1a
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	4.	Capacity building activities of the Nomenclature and	
		Classification Sub-Directorate	NC1010E1a
	5.	Co-operation with other international organisations	NC1011E1a
	6.	New information provided on the WCO Web site	NC1012E1a

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	7.	Recommendation of 25 June 2005 concerning amendments to the Harmonized System	NC1039E1a
	8.	Other	
III.	GENE	ERAL QUESTIONS	
	1.	Study with a view to better understanding why certain Recommendations have not received a greater level of acceptance	NC1013E1a
	2.	Insertion of pictures in the Compendium of Classification Opinions	NC0951E1a (HSC/36)
	3.	Use of references to specific administrations in reports	NC0952E1a (HSC/36)
	4.	Correlation between the Harmonized System and the product coverage of selected international Conventions (amendments consequential upon the Article 16 Recommendation of 26 June 2004 and insertion of references to the Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions)	NC1014E1a
	5.	Progress report on the implementation of the HS 2007 edition	NC1015E1a
IV.	RECO	DMMENDATIONS	
		equential amendments upon the Article 16 Recommendation of 26 2004 of the following Recommendations:	
	1.	Recommendation of the Customs Co-operation Council on the insertion in national statistical nomenclatures of subheadings to facilitate the collection and comparison of data on the international movement of substances controlled by virtue of amendments to the Montreal Protocol on substances that deplete the ozone layer (28 June 2003)	NC1016E1a
	2.	Recommendation of the Customs Co-operation Council on the insertion in national statistical nomenclatures of subheadings for substances controlled under the Convention on the Prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of Chemical Weapons and on their destruction (18 June 1996) (amended 25 June 1999)	NC1017E1a
	3.	Recommendation of the Customs Co-operation Council on the use of standard units of quantity to facilitate the collection, comparison and analysis of international statistics based on the Harmonized System (30 June 2001)	NC1018E1a
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٧.	REPO	ORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC SUB-COMMITTEE	
	1.	Report of the 21 st Session of the Scientific Sub-Committee	NS0126E1a (SSC/21)
	2.	Matters for decision	NC1019E1a
VI.	REPO	ORT OF THE REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE	
	1.	Report of the 32 nd Session of the Review Sub-Committee	NR0618E1A B1b (RSC/32)
	2.	Matters for decision	NC1020E1a
VII.	REPO	ORT OF THE PRESESSIONAL WORKING PARTY	
	1.	Possible amendment of the Explanatory Note to heading 02.10	NC1021E1a, Annex A
	2.	Possible amendment of the Explanatory Notes with respect to asbestos	NC1021E1a, Annex B
	3.	Amendments to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify concentrated elderberry juice in HS code 3203.00	NC1021E1a, Annex C
	4.	Amendments to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify two graduated urinary drainage bags and meters in subheading 3926.90	NC1021E1a, Annex D
	5.	Amendments to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify two types of footwear in subheading 6404.19	NC1021E1a, Annex E
	6.	Amendments to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify a reach stacker in subheading 8426.41	NC1021E1a, Annex F
	7.	Amendments to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify a reach stacker in subheading 8427.20	NC1021E1a, Annex G
	8.	Amendments to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify a product by the name "P-Touch 7000/8000" in subheading 8473.40	NC1021E1a,

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	9.	Amendments to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify an audio compact disc manufacturing system in subheading 8477.10	NC1021E1a, Annex IJ
	10.	Amendments to the Compendium of Classification Opinions to reflect the decision to classify set top boxes in subheading 8528.12	NC1021E1a, Annex K
VIII.	FUR1	THER STUDIES	
	1.	Possible amendment of the Explanatory Note to heading 22.08 (HS 2007)	NC1022E1a
	2.	Possible amendment of the Explanatory Note to heading 29.31 .	NS0126E1a, Annexes A/5, C/4 (SSC/21) NC1023E1a
	3.	Possible amendment to the Explanatory Notes to reflect the decision to classify a liquid micronutrient preparation in subheading 3824.90	NC1024E1a
	4.	Possible amendment of the Explanatory Notes to reflect the classification of a certain type of footwear in subheading 6404.19	NC1025E1a
	5.	Classification of shelved furniture	NC1026E1a
	6.	Possible amendment of the Explanatory Note to heading 95.04, arising from the classification of the "PS2"	NC1027E1a
	7.	Classification of pegfilgrastim (INN)	NS0126E1a, Annex A/4 (SSC/21) NC1044E1a
	8.	Study on the scope of Note 2 to Chapter 30 and of subheading 3002.10	NC0974E1a (HSC/36) NS0126E1a, Annex A/7 (SSC/21) NC1045E1a
	9.	Classification of tubes with reagents	NS0126E1a, Annex A/8 (SSC/21) NC1046E1a

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	10.	Classification of ivermectin (INN) and similar products	NS0126E1a, Annex A/9 (SSC/21) NC1047E1a
IX.	NEW		
	1.	Amendments to the Compendium of Classification Opinions consequential upon the Article 16 Recommendation of 26 June 2004	NC1028E1a
	2.	Classification of ADMUL DATEM 1954 and Multec Data 2520 S (Request from the South African Administration)	NC1029E1a
	3.	Classification of certain flooring panels	NC0976E1a (HSC/36)
	4.	Classification of a publication by the name "Wristwatch annual – 2004" (Request from the Thai Administration)	NC1030E1a
	5.	Amendment to heading 50.03 (HS 2007) (English text only)	NC1031E1a
	6.	Classification of mineral wool (Request from the South African Administration)	NC1032E1a
	7.	Classification of spray guns	NC0978E1a (HSC/36)
	8.	Classification of Hebo's SSB2 scroll bending machine with SPS2 computer control and pole changing motor	NC0998E1a (HSC/36)
	9.	Classification of base station (Request from the South African Administration)	NC1033E1a
	10.	Classification of certain halogen lamps for guns (Request from the Swiss Administration)	NC0979E1a (HSC/36)
	11.	Classification of certain power modules, used in electrical converters	NC0985E1a (HSC/36) NC1043E1a
	12.	Possible amendment of the Explanatory Note to heading 85.37 (exclusion paragraph)	NC1034E1a
	13.	Possible amendment of the Explanatory Notes to Chapter 87	NC1035E1a
	14.	Possible amendments of the Explanatory Notes	NC1036E1a
	15.	Classification of a two-wheeled electrical device for the transport	

XIV. DATES OF NEXT SESSIONS

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AUTOMATED COMMERCIAL ENVIRONMENT (ACE): NATIONAL CUSTOMS AUTOMATION PROGRAM TEST OF AUTOMATED TRUCK MANIFEST FOR TRUCK CARRIER ACCOUNTS; DEPLOYMENT SCHEDULE

AGENCY: Customs and Border Protection; Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: General Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, in conjunction with the Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, is currently conducting a National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) test concerning the transmission of automated truck manifest data. This document announces the next two groups, or clusters, of ports to be deployed for this test.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The ports identified in this notice, in the state of Texas, are expected to deploy in two clusters no earlier than January 2006, as provided in this notice. Comments concerning this notice and all aspects of the announced test may be submitted at any time during the test period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. James Swanson via e-mail at James. Swanson@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) test concerning the transmission of automated truck manifest data for truck carrier accounts was announced in a General Notice published in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 55167) on September 13, 2004. That notice stated that the test of the Automated Truck Manifest would be conducted in a phased approach, with primary deployment scheduled for no earlier than November 29, 2004. The document identified the ports of Blaine, Washington, and Buffalo, New York, as the original deployment sites.

The September 13, 2004, notice stated that subsequent deployment of the test would occur at Champlain, New York; Detroit, Michigan; Laredo, Texas; Otay Mesa, California; and Port Huron, Michigan, on dates to be announced. The notice stated that the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) would announce the implementation and sequencing of truck manifest functionality at these ports as they occur and further stated that additional participants and ports would be selected throughout the duration of the test. The test is to be expanded eventually to include ACE Truck Carrier Account participants at all land border ports, and subsequent releases of ACE will include all modes of transportation.

Implementation of the Test

The test commenced in Blaine, Washington in December 2004, but not at Buffalo, New York. In light of experience with the implementation of the test in Blaine, Washington, CBP decided to change the implementation schedule and published a General Notice in the **Federal Register** on May 31, 2005 (70 FR 30964) announcing the changes.

As noted in the May 31, 2005, General Notice, the next deployment sites will be brought up as clusters. In some instances, one site in the cluster will be identified as the "model site" or "model port" for the cluster. This deployment strategy will allow for more efficient equipment set-up, site checkouts, port briefings and central training.

The ports identified belonging to the first cluster announced in the May 31, 2005, notice included the original port of implementation: Blaine, Washington. Sumas, Washington, was designated as the model port. The other ports of deployment in the cluster included the following: Point Roberts, WA; Oroville, WA (including sub ports); Boundary, WA; Danville, WA; Ferry, WA; Frontier, WA; Laurier, WA; Metaline Falls, WA; Nighthawk, WA; and Lynden, WA.

In a notice published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 43892) on July 29, 2005, CBP announced that the test was being further deployed, in two clusters, at ports in the States of Arizona and North Dakota. CBP stated that the test would be deployed at the following ports in Arizona as of July 25, 2005: Douglas, AZ; Naco, AZ; Lukeville, AZ; Sasabe, AZ; and Nogales, AZ. Douglas, AZ was designated as the model port. The test was also to be deployed, according to information provided in the notice, at the following ports in North Dakota as of August 15, 2005: Pembina, ND; Neche, ND; Noyes, ND; Walhalla, ND; Maida, ND; Hannah, ND; Sarles, ND; and Hansboro, ND. Pembina, ND, was designated as the model port.

In a General Notice published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 60096) on October 14, 2005, CBP announced that the test was to be further deployed in a cluster of ports, in the State of Michigan, no earlier than the dates indicated as follows (all in the year 2005): Windsor Tunnel, October 4; Barge Transport, October 5; Ambassador Bridge, October 7; Port Huron, October 14; Marine City, October 18; Algonac, October 18; and Sault St. Marie, October 28. No port in this cluster was designated as a "model port."

NEW CLUSTERS

Through this notice, CBP announces the next two clusters of ports to be brought up for purposes of implementation of the test. The test will be deployed at the following cluster of ports no earlier than January 2006: Eagle Pass, Texas and Del Rio, Texas. The test will also be deployed no earlier than January 2006 at the following clus-

ter of ports: Brownsville, Texas; Pharr, Texas; Progresso, Texas; Rio Grande City, Texas; and Roma, Texas. No ports in these clusters are designated as "model ports."

Previous NCAP Notices Not Concerning Deployment Schedules

On Monday, March 21, 2005, a General Notice was published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 13514) announcing a modification to the NCAP test to clarify that all relevant data elements are required to be submitted in the automated truck manifest submission. That notice did not announce any change to the deployment schedule and is not affected by publication of this notice. All requirements and aspects of the test, as set forth in the September 13, 2004 notice, as modified by the March 21, 2005 notice, continue to be applicable.

DATED: January 12, 2006

WILLIAM S. HEFFELFINGER III, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations.

[Published in the Federal Register, January 24, 2006 (71 FR 3875)]

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY,
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS.
Washington, DC, January 25, 2006

The following documents of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection ("CBP"), Office of Regulations and Rulings, have been determined to be of sufficient interest to the public and CBP field offices to merit publication in the CUSTOMS BULLETIN.

SANDRA L. BELL, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Office of Regulations and Rulings.

REVOCATION OF RULING LETTER AND REVOCATION OF TREATMENT RELATING TO TARIFF CLASSIFICATION OF SAPPHIRE WAFERS

AGENCY: Bureau of Customs and Border Protection; Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Revocation of a tariff classification ruling letter and revocation of treatment relating to the classification of sapphire wafers.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 625(c), Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1625(c)), this notice advises interested parties that Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is revoking one ruling letter relating to the tariff classification of sapphire wafers under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States Annotated (HTSUSA). CBP is also revoking any treatment previously accorded by it to substantially identical merchandise. Notice of the proposed action was published on December 7, 2005, in Volume 39, Number 50, of the CUSTOMS BULLETIN. CBP received no comments in response to the notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This action is effective for merchandise entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption on or after April 9, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kelly Herman, Tariff Classification and Marking Branch: (202) 572–8713.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

BACKGROUND

On December 8, 1993, Title VI, (Customs Modernization), of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103–182, 107 Stat. 2057) (hereinafter "Title VI"), became effective.

Title VI amended many sections of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and related laws. Two new concepts which emerge from the law are "informed compliance" and "shared responsibility." These concepts are premised on the idea that in order to maximize voluntary compliance with customs laws and regulations, the trade community needs to be clearly and completely informed of its legal obligations. Accordingly, the law imposes a greater obligation on CBP to provide the public with improved information concerning the trade community's responsibilities and rights under the customs and related laws. In addition, both the trade and CBP share responsibility in carrying out import requirements. For example, under section 484 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. § 1484), the importer of record is responsible for using reasonable care to enter, classify and value imported merchandise, and provide any other information necessary to enable CBP to properly assess duties, collect accurate statistics and determine whether any other applicable legal requirement is met.

Pursuant to section 625 (c)(1), Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1625 (c)(1)), as amended by section 623 of Title VI, notice proposing to revoke one ruling letter pertaining to the tariff classification of sapphire wafers was published in the December 7, 2005, CUSTOMS BULLETIN, Volume 39, Number 50. No comments were received.

As stated in the proposed notice, this revocation will cover any rulings on this merchandise that may exist but have not been specifically identified. Any party who has received an interpretive ruling or decision (i.e., a ruling letter, internal advice memorandum or decision or protest review decision) on the merchandise subject to this notice should have advised CBP during the notice period.

Similarly, pursuant to section 625(c)(2), Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1625(c)(2)), as amended by section 623 of Title VI, CBP is revoking any treatment previously accorded by CBP to substantially identical transactions. Any person involved in substantially identical transactions should have advised CBP during this notice period. An importer's failure to advise CBP of substantially identical transactions or of a specific ruling not identified in this notice, may raise issues of reasonable care on the part of the importer or its agents for importations of merchandise subsequent to the effective date of the final decision on this notice.

In NY R02101, CBP ruled that sapphire wafers were classified in subheading 7104.90.5000, HTSUSA, which provides for "Synthetic or reconstructed precious or semi-precious stones, whether or not worked or graded but not strung, mounted or set; Ungraded synthetic or reconstructed precious or semi-precious stones, temporarily strung for convenience of transport: Other: Other." Since the issuance of that ruling, CBP has reviewed the classification of this item and has determined that the cited ruling is in error, and that the sapphire wafers should be classified in subheading 7116.20.5000,

HTSUS, which provides for "Articles of natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones (natural, synthetic or reconstructed): Of precious or semiprecious stones (natural, synthetic or reconstructed): Other: Other."

Pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1625(c)(1), CBP is revoking NY R02101 and is revoking or modifying any other ruling not specifically identified, to reflect the proper classification of sapphire wafers according to the analysis contained in Headquarters Ruling Letter (HQ) 967923, set forth as an Attachment to this document. Additionally, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1625(c)(2), CBP is revoking any treatment previously accorded by CBP to substantially identical transactions.

In accordance with 19 U.S.C. 1625 (c), this ruling will become effective 60 days after publication in the CUSTOMS BULLETIN.

DATED: January 13, 2006

Gail A. Hamill for MYLES B. HARMON,

Director,

Commercial and Trade Facilitation Division.

Attachment

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION,

HQ 967923 January 13, 2006 CLA–2 RR:CTF:TCM 967923 KSH TARIFF NO.: 7116.20.5000

JOEL SIMON, ESQ. SERKO & SIMON LLP 1700 Broadway, 31st Floor New York, NY 10019

RE: Revocation of New York Ruling Letter (NY) R02101, dated June 20, 2005; Classification of sapphire wafers.

DEAR MR. SIMON:

This is in response to your letter of September 7, 2005, on behalf of your client Alconix USA, Inc., in which you request reconsideration of New York Ruling Letter (NY) R02101, issued on June 20, 2005, concerning the classification under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) of sapphire wafers. The sapphire wafers were classified in subheading 7104.90.5000, HTSUS, which provides for "Synthetic or reconstructed precious or semi-precious stones, whether or not worked or graded but not strung, mounted or set; Ungraded synthetic or reconstructed precious or semi-precious stones, temporarily strung for convenience of transport: Other: Other." You assert that because the synthetic sapphire wafers have been advanced beyond the condition of synthetic sapphires to become unique articles of commerce, they are classified in subheading 7116.20.5000,

HTSUS, which provides for "Articles of natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones (natural, synthetic or reconstructed): Of precious or semiprecious stones (natural, synthetic or reconstructed): Other: Other." In accordance with your request for reconsideration of NY R02101, CBP has reviewed the classification of this item and has determined that the cited ruling is in error.

Pursuant to section 625(c), Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1625 (c)), as amended by section 623 of Title VI (Customs Modernization) of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, Pub. L. 103–182, 107 Stat. 2057, 2186 1993), notice of the proposed revocation of NY R02101 was published on December 7, 2005, in Vol. 39, Number 50, of the CUSTOMS BULLETIN. CBP received no comments.

FACTS:

The sapphire wafer is a substrate for light-emitting diodes (LED). To obtain the sapphire wafer a synthetic sapphire must be grown. To do this, a crucible, which serves as the growth chamber, is filled with aluminum and an inert gas. The aluminum is then melted. A small crystal of sapphire, known as a "seed crystal", is mounted on a rod and dipped into the crucible until the seed crystal just touches the melted alumina. The rod is then pulled slowly out of the crucible at a slow, specified rate of speed. As the rod is pulled from the crucible the crystal grows as the seed pulls materials from the melt. The materials begin to cool and solidify forming a rod shape. The resulting rod of synthetic sapphire crystal is known as a boule. The raw boule is cut into a rod of specific dimensions, approximately 76.2mm in diameter and 80–100mm long using a diamond impregnated circular die. The angle of the cut can be altered to fit the client's preferences. To obtain the sapphire wafer, a diamond saw slices off 130–150 wafers from the rod, each of which is approximately 550 microns in thickness.

ISSUE:

Whether the sapphire wafers are classified as synthetic stones of heading 7104, HTSUS, or as articles of precious or semi-precious stone of heading 7116, HTSUS.

LAW AND ANALYSIS:

Classification of goods under the HTSUSA is governed by the General Rules of Interpretation (GRI). GRI 1 provides that classification shall be determined according to the terms of the headings of the tariff schedule and any relative section or chapter notes. In the event that the goods cannot be classified solely on the basis of GRI 1, and if the headings and legal notes do not otherwise require, the remaining GRI may then be applied. The Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System Explanatory Notes (EN), constitute the official interpretation at the international level. While neither legally binding nor dispositive, the EN provide a commentary on the scope of each heading of the HTSUSA and are generally indicative of the proper interpretation of the headings.

Chapter 71, HTSUS, provides in pertinent part for precious or semiprecious stones. Note 1, to Chapter 71, HTSUS, states:

[s]ubject to note $\mathbf{1}(a)$ of section VI and except as provided below, all articles consisting wholly or partly:

(a) [o]f natural or cultured pearls or of precious or semiprecious stones (natural, synthetic or reconstructed)...are to be classified in this chapter.

The sapphire crystal is altered from its original formation as a boule. The sapphire crystal is cut subsequent to formation as a boule when it becomes a wafer used to make a LED.

In NY F85369, dated April 28, 2000 and NY F88737, dated February 12, 2001, CBP classified sapphire substrates for LEDs in subheading 7116.20.5000, HTSUS. Similarly, in NY G89563, dated May 10, 2001, CBP classified discharge tubes and aperture plates fabricated from synthetic sapphire in subheading 7116.20.5000, HTSUS, and in NY 802695, dated October 20, 1994, synthetic sapphire blanks were classified in 7116.20.2000, HTSUS. In contrast, in Headquarters Ruling Letter (HQ) 954877, dated December 21, 1993, sapphire crackle created from sapphire boules which were subsequently cracked were classified in subheading 7104.20.0000, HTSUS.

The instant sapphire wafers, like the sapphire substrates, discharge tubes, aperture plates and sapphire blanks of NY F85369, F88737, G89563 and 802695, have been advanced beyond the condition of synthetic sapphires into articles of sapphires. Accordingly, the sapphire wafers are classified in subheading 7116.20.5000, HTSUS.

HOLDING:

The sapphire wafers are classified in subheading 7116.20.5000, HTSUS, which provides for "Articles of natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones (natural, synthetic or reconstructed): Of precious or semi-precious stones (natural, synthetic or reconstructed): Other: Other." The general column one rate of duty is Free.

Duty rates are provided for your convenience and are subject to change. The text of the most recent HTSUS and accompanying duty rates are provided on the internet at www.usitc.gov.

EFFECT ON OTHER RULINGS:

NY R02101, dated June 20, 2005, is hereby revoked.

In accordance with 19 U.S.C. 1625 (c), this ruling will become effective 60 days after its publication in the CUSTOMS BULLETIN.

Gail A. Hamill for Myles B. Harmon,

Director,

Commercial and Trade Facilitation Division.

19 CFR PART 177

PROPOSED REVOCATION OF RULING LETTER AND TREATMENT RELATING TO TARIFF CLASSIFICATION OF ANODES AND CATHODES USED IN ELECTROLYSIS

AGENCY: U. S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of proposed revocation of ruling letter and treatment relating to tariff classification of anodes and cathodes used in electrolysis.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 625(c), Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1625(c)), as amended by section 623 of Title VI (Customs Modernization) of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103–182, 107 Stat. 2057), this notice advises interested parties that CBP intends to revoke a ruling relating to the classification of anodes and cathodes used in electrolysis under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States Annotated (HTSUSA), and to revoke any treatment CBP has previously accorded to substantially identical transactions. These articles are titanium anodes coated with ruthenium and nickel cathodes coated with platinum. CBP invites comments on the correctness of the proposed action.

DATE: Comments must be received on or before March 10, 2006.

ADDRESS: Written comments are to be addressed to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Regulations & Rulings, Attention: Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20229. Submitted comments may be inspected at U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 799 9th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., during regular business hours. Arrangements to inspect submitted comments should be made in advance by calling Mr. Joseph Clark at (202) 572–8768.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James A. Seal, Tariff Classification and Marking Branch (202) 572–8779.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 8, 1993, Title VI (Customs Modernization), of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103–182, 107 Stat. 2057), became effective. Title VI amended many sections of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and related laws. Two new concepts which emerge from the law are **informed compliance** and **shared responsibility.** These concepts are based on the premise that in order to maximize voluntary compliance with customs laws and regulations, the trade community needs to be clearly and completely informed of its legal obligations. Accordingly, the law imposes a greater obligation on CBP to provide the public with improved information concerning the trade community's rights and responsibilities under the customs and related laws. In addition, both the trade and CBP share responsibility in carrying out import requirements. For example, under section 484, Tariff Act of 1930, as

amended (19 U.S.C. 1484), the importer of record is responsible for using reasonable care to enter, classify and declare value on imported merchandise, and to provide other necessary information to enable CBP to properly assess duties, collect accurate statistics and determine whether any other legal requirement is met.

Pursuant to section 625(c)(1), Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1625(c)(1)), as amended by section 623 of Title VI, this notice advises interested parties that CBP intends to revoke a ruling relating to the tariff classification of ruthenium-coated titanium anodes and platinum-coated nickel cathodes. Although in this notice CBP is specifically referring to one ruling, NY R02374, this notice covers any rulings on this merchandise which may exist but have not been specifically identified. CBP has undertaken reasonable efforts to search existing data bases for rulings in addition to the one listed. No further rulings have been identified. Any party who has received an interpretative ruling or decision (i.e., ruling letter, internal advice memorandum or decision, or protest review decision) on the merchandise subject to this notice, should advise CBP during this notice period.

Similarly, pursuant to section 625(c)(2), Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1625(c)(2)), as amended by section 623 of Title VI, CBP intends to revoke any treatment it previously accorded to substantially identical transactions. Any person involved in substantially identical transactions should advise CBP during this notice period. An importer's failure to advise CBP of substantially identical transactions or of a specific ruling not identified in this notice, may raise issues of reasonable care on the part of the importer or his agents for importations of merchandise subsequent to the effective date of the final decision on this notice.

In NY R02374, dated August 29, 2005, ruthenium-coated titanium anodes and platinum-coated nickel cathodes were held to be classifiable as other articles of precious metal or of metal clad with precious metal, in subheading 7115.90.60000, HTSUSA. This ruling was based on the belief that the anodes and cathodes were of a type used in electroplating processes as a source of the precious metal. NY R02374 is set forth as "Attachment A" to this document.

It is now CBP's position that these anodes and cathodes are classifiable in subheading 8543.90.8880, HTSUSA, as other parts of electrical machines and apparatus, having individual functions, not specified or included elsewhere in [Chapter 85]. Pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1625(c)(1)), CBP intends to revoke NY R02374 and any other ruling not specifically identified to reflect the proper classification of the merchandise pursuant to the analysis in HQ 967941, which is set forth as "Attachment B" to this document. Additionally, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1625(c)(2), CBP intends to revoke any treatment it previously accorded to substantially identical transactions. Before tak-

ing this action, we will give consideration to any written comments timely received.

DATED: January 20, 2006

Gail A. Hamill for MYLES B. HARMON,

Director,

Commercial and Trade Facilitation Division.

Attachments

[ATTACHMENT A]

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION,

NY R02374 August 29, 2005 CLA-2-71:RR:NC:N1:113 R02374 CATEGORY: Classification TARIFF NO.: 7115.90.6000

MR. WILLIAM PAULIN KUEHNE CHEMICAL COMPANY, INC. 86 North Hackensack Avenue South Kearny, NJ 07032

RE: The tariff classification of electroplating anodes from the United Kingdom

DEAR MR. PAULIN:

In your letter dated August 4, 2005, you requested a tariff classification ruling.

The merchandise is material for use in an electrolysis plant. It consists of ruthenium-coated titanium anodes and platinum-coated nickel anodes. Your letter also mentions, but does not describe nor request the classification of, gasket materials.

The Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, Section XIV, Chapter 71, Note 4, defines platinum and ruthenium (a form of platinum) to be precious metals. The imported merchandise is used in the electrodeposition of the precious metal component onto other metal objects. The base metals, titanium and nickel, are used as carrier media for the precious metals. After the precious metal has diminished, the spent anodes and cathodes will be returned to the UK to be refurbished. For this reason, the essential character of the articles is the precious metals. In your letter, you suggest that the articles be classified as unwrought or semi-manufactured articles of platinum in heading 7110, HTS. However, the metals have been made into articles that do not conform to the definition of unwrought or semi-manufactured.

The applicable subheading for the anodes and cathodes will be 7115.90.6000, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS), which provides for other articles of precious metal or of metal clad with precious metal, other, other. The rate of duty will be 4 percent ad valorem.

This ruling is being issued under the provisions of Part 177 of the Customs Regulations (19 C.F.R. 177).

A copy of the ruling or the control number indicated above should be provided with the entry documents filed at the time this merchandise is imported. If you have any questions regarding the ruling, contact National Import Specialist James Smyth at 646–733–3018.

ROBERT B. SWIERUPSKI,

Director,

National Commodity Specialist Division.

[ATTACHMENT B]

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION,

HQ 967941

CLA-2 RR:CTF:TCM 967941 JAS CATEGORY: Classification TARIFF NO.: 8543.90.8880

MR. WILLIAM PAULIN KUEHNE CHEMICAL COMPANY, INC. 86 North Hackensack Avenue South Kearny, NJ 07032

RE: Anodes and Cathodes Used In Machines for Electrolysis; NY R02374 Revoked

DEAR MR. PAULIN:

In a letter to the Director, National Commodity Specialist Division, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), New York, dated September 15, 2005, you request reconsideration of NY R02374, which the NCSD issued to you on August 29, 2005. At issue is the classification, under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States Annotated (HTSUSA), of certain anodes and cathodes used in electrolysis. Your letter has been referred to this office for reply.

FACTS:

In NY R02374, ruthenium-coated titanium anodes and platinum-coated nickel cathodes for use in an electrolysis plant were held to be classifiable as other articles of precious metal or of metal clad with precious metal, in subheading 7115.90.6000, HTSUSA. The ruling described articles that were to be used in the electrodeposition of the precious metal component onto other metal objects with the base metals, titanium and nickel, being used as carrier media for the precious metal. After the precious metal is diminished, the anodes and cathodes are returned to the United Kingdom to be refurbished.

You have explained that the anodes and cathodes are in fact used in an electrolysis plant to electrolyze brine into chlorine and sodium hydroxide. The precious metal coatings, platinum and ruthenium, act as a catalyst to allow the proper chemical reactions to occur. The precious metals are not redeposited onto other metal objects.

The HTSUS provisions under consideration are as follows:

7115 Other articles of precious metal or of metal clad with pre-

cious metal:

7115.90 Other:

Other:

7115.90.60 Other

* * *

8543 Electrical machines and apparatus, having individual func-

tions, not specified or included elsewhere in [Chapter 85];

parts thereof:

8543.30.00 Machines and apparatus for electroplating, electrolysis

or electrophoresis

8543.90 Parts:

Other:

Other:

8543.90.88 Other

ISSUE:

Whether the anodes and cathodes, as described, are provided for in heading 8543.

LAW AND ANALYSIS:

Under General Rule of Interpretation (GRI) 1, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), goods are to be classified according to the terms of the headings and any relative section or chapter notes, and provided the headings or notes do not require otherwise, according to GRIs 2 through 6.

Initially, Chapter 71, Note 3(k), HTSUS, states that machinery, mechanical appliances or electrical goods, or parts thereof, of section XVI, are not covered by chapter 71. Therefore, the issue is whether the anodes and cathodes, as described, are parts for tariff purposes and, if so, whether they are parts of electrical goods of chapter 84 or chapter 85.

As to the parts issue, articles that are integral, constituent components of another article, are necessary to the completion of that article, and which satisfy a specific and integral need in the operation of that article qualify as parts for tariff purposes. See Mitsubishi Int'l v. United States, 17 CIT 871, 829 F. Supp. 1387 (1993), and cases cited. The ruthenium-coated titanium anodes and platinum-coated nickel cathodes allow the proper chemical reactions to occur in the electrolytic process by which chlorine and sodium hydroxide are produced. These articles satisfy the above criteria for parts of machines and apparatus for electrolysis.

Subject to certain exceptions that are not relevant here, goods that are identifiable as parts of machines or apparatus of Chapter 84 or Chapter 85 are classifiable in accordance with Section XVI, Note 2, HTSUS. See Nidec Corporation v. United States, 861 F. Supp. 136, aff'd. 68 F. 3d 1333 (1995). Parts which are goods included in any of the headings of Chapters 84 and 85

are in all cases to be classified in their respective headings. See Note 2(a). Other parts, if suitable for use solely or principally with a particular machine, or with a number of machines of the same heading, are to be classified with the machines of that kind. See Note 2(b). Machines and apparatus for electrolysis are specifically provided for in subheading 8543.30.00, HTSUS. By function and design, the described anodes and cathodes appear to be principally, if not solely, used with such machines and apparatus.

HOLDING:

Under the authority of GRI 1 and Section XVI, Note 2(b), the ruthenium-coated titanium anodes and platinum-coated nickel cathodes are provided for in heading 8543. They are classifiable in subheading 8543.90.88.80, HTSUSA.

EFFECT ON OTHER RULINGS:

NY R02374, dated August 29, 2005, is revoked.

Myles B. Harmon,
Director;
Commercial and Trade Facilitation Division.