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SUBJECT: CLASSIFICATION OF CONTACT LENS CLEANER SOLUTION ARTIFICIAL EYE CLEANER ETC.

A Public Notice No. 14/85 was issued regarding classification of "Ten Tens" brand eyeglass cleaner under heading 38.19C08B. Some importers contended that artificial eye cleaner, contact lens-cleaner etc, are also classifiable under heading 38.19 on the basis of classification of aforesaid eyeglass cleaner. The matter has been examined and it is found that "Ten Tens" eye glass-cleaner is different from contact lens-cleaner in nature/composition and application. In the C.C.C's Compendium of Classification Opinions artificial eye cleaners and contact lens cleaners have been classified under heading 34.02, 33.06 & 38.11 of the C.C.C Nomenclature depending upon the nature/composition of the products. The extracts of the Compendium of Classification Opinions are reproduced below for the sake of reference.

- 34.02(7) Cleaning solutions and protein removers, formulated principally for routine cleaning of contact lenses or artificial eyes to remove oils, dust, protein, etc. The cleaning solutions consist of surfactants, buffering or chelating agents and anti-microbial substances, which serve mainly as preservatives. The protein removers consist of the mixture of sodium chloride, sodium bicarbonate and sodium edentate. The products are put up in packing for retail sale.
- 33.06(6) Wetting and lubricating solutions for soft or hard contact lenses or artificial eyes, containing wetting, lubricating or viscosity agents (such as polyvinyl, alcohol, hydroxyethylcellulose) in addition to anti-microbial substances used as preservatives and sodium edentate, etc.
- 38.11(5) Soaking solutions, the essential function of which is to disinfect contact lenses or artificial eyes during the soaking, rinsing or storage period. They consist of anti-microbial substances and buffering or chelating agents in an aqueous solution and are put up in packing for retail sale.

It is, therefore, circulated for the information of all concerned that assessment of contact lens cleaners and artificial eye cleaners etc, will be made under heading 34.02, 33.06 and 38.11 depending upon the composition and nature of each product in accordance with the parameters set out in the explanatory notes to CCCN as explained in the compendium of Classification Opinions.

Sd/-
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