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REVISION OF CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS USED IN TRANSPORT STATISTICS

Detailed presentation of a future subdivision of the NST/2000 classes

Submitted by the Government of Bulgaria

<u>Note</u>: In view of the interest of the Working Party to continue detailed discussion about the proposal made by the representatives of France and Poland for a future subdivision of the NST/2000 classes which would serve as a model for all UNECE countries, the Government of Bulgaria has prepared a document which is reproduced below.

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A statement regarding the revision of the classification of the cargoes in transport

From the beginning of 2000, the National Statistics Institute introduced The National Nomenclature on cargoes in transport which had been completely harmonized with the Stock Register used by the EU Member States known under the name of "NST\R".

The revision of NST\R and the presently made changes are known under the name of "NST/2000", the main idea of the revision being the classification of the cargoes in transport to be connected with the production classification made by types of activities. It is considered that the

connection between the two classifications will be of great importance for the implementation of the balance of the inter-branch links from the National Statistics Institute since the information provided on types of cargoes and on types of transport is used in these works. National Nomenclature on cargoes in transport is maintained, actualized and updated by the National Statistics Institute in case of changes in the European and national standards. The National Statistics Institute intends to reflect the changes which occurred from the beginning of 2004. The proposal made by France with regard to keeping 176 base positions from NST\R is considered to be expedient for the implementation of the second and third level of NST/2000. The National Statistics Institute will support the proposal of France and Poland for 89 positions on the second level.
