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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.

***Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2248. (See end of Document for details)*

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, 30 November 2017.

For the Commission,

On behalf of the President,

Stephen QUEST

Director-General

Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union

ANNEX

Description of the goods	Classification(CN code)	Reasons
(1)	**(2)**	**(3)**
An article (so-called ‘guy grip dead end’) made of 6 wires, each having a thickness of 3,25 mm. The wires are of galvanised cold drawn carbon steel. The wires run parallel to each other and are covered by a zinc coating. They are loosely twisted throughout their length and are bent to form a ‘U’ shape. After presentation, the article is used as ‘guying’ for wooden telegraph poles i.e. the wire is closely twisted together to become stranded wire. (See images)[a]	7326 20 00	Classification is determined by general rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature and by the wording of CN codes 7326 and 7326 20 00. Classification under heading 7312 as stranded wire, ropes, cables, plaited bands, slings and the like is excluded because the article is not closely twisted (see also Harmonized System Explanatory Notes to heading 7312, first paragraph and the Explanatory notes to the Combined Nomenclature to subheadings 7312 10 61 to 7312 10 69). It only becomes closely twisted when mounted on the telegraph pole. The article is therefore to be classified under CN code 7326 20 00 as other articles of iron and steel wire.

a The images are purely for information.