Explanatory Notes to the Combined Nomenclature of the European Union
(2012/C 187/07)

Pursuant to Article 9(1)(a), second indent, of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987 on the
tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff (1), the Explanatory Notes to the
Combined Nomenclature of the European Union (2) are amended as follows:

On page 349:
8534 00  Printed circuits
The existing text is replaced by the following:

This heading includes:
1. paper tags in the form of a printed circuit to prevent theft, for example, of library books;
2. flexible electric conductors in the form of printed circuits.

On page 361:
8544  Insulated (including enamelled or anodised) wire, cable (including coaxial cable) and other
insulated electric conductors, whether or not fitted with connectors; optical-fibre cables,
made up of individually sheathed fibres, whether or not assembled with electric conductors
or fitted with connectors
The existing text is replaced by the following:

This heading does not include:
(a) flexible electric conductors in the form of printed circuits (heading 8534 00);
(b) separately presented connectors and adapters for cables or other electric conductors (heading 8535
or 8536);
(c) connectors for optical-fibre cables (subheading 8536 70 00).

Insert the following text:

8544 42 10  Of a kind used for telecommunications
See the HS Explanatory Notes to heading 8544.
For the purpose of this subheading, the expression “of a kind used for telecommunication” also
includes electric conductors fitted with connectors used in telecommunication networks, for
example, to connect an automatic data-processing (ADP) machine with a modem.
However, this subheading does not include:
(a) electric conductors fitted with connectors to be used for connecting different apparatus (for
example, a DVD player with a monitor or an ADP machine with a monitor, a printer, a
keyboard, a projector, etc.);
(b) electric conductors designed to be inserted into machines, for example, an ADP machine or a unit
thereof, to connect different internal parts of the machine;
(c) electric conductors which only serve to supply power, for example, power cables.

8544 49 20  Of a kind used for telecommunications, for a voltage not exceeding 80 V
The Explanatory Note to subheading 8544 42 10 applies, mutatis mutandis.

(2) OJ C 137, 6.5.2011, p. 1.