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- [1] Both parties are agreed that the standard of review applicable to the Tribunal's decision is that of reasonableness. In *Canada (Director of Investigation and Research, Competition Act) v.*Southam Inc., [1997] 1 S.R.C. 748, at paragraph 56, the Supreme Court of Canada held that a decision was reasonable if "any reasons support it".
- [2] In this case, the crux of the Tribunal's decision is its conclusion that the goods in question are "electric garlands". The basis for that conclusion is an amalgam of two lines of reasoning. The

first is that the goods should fall in the same classification as electric garlands and specialized lights

"both of which they closely resemble" (Tribunal Reasons, at paragraph 42). The second is the

conclusion that the goods come within the definition of "electric garlands" because of the phrase "of

all kinds" as it appears in Explanatory Note (B)(f) to heading 95.05 (Tribunal Reasons, at paragraph

43). While this last conclusion is not necessarily obvious, it must be read in context.

[3] In coming to that conclusion, the Tribunal referred to the definition of "garland" in the Gage

Canadian Dictionary which includes, as a secondary definition of garland, "something like a

garland". While the Tribunal did not refer to the secondary meaning, we infer from its conclusion

that it incorporated it into its reasoning. In the circumstances, the Tribunal's conclusion was

supported by the evidence before it and is therefore not unreasonable.

[4] The appeal should therefore be dismissed with costs.

"J.D. Denis Pelletier"

J.A.

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