

COMMISSION DECISION

of 22 May 1975

derogating from High Authority recommendation No 1/64 concerning an increase in the protective duty on iron and steel products at the external frontiers of the Community

(sixty-seventh derogation)

(Only the French, German, Dutch and Italian texts are authentic)

(75/317/ECSC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, and in particular Articles 2 to 5, 8, 71 and 74 thereof;

Having regard to High Authority recommendation No 1/64⁽¹⁾ of 15 January 1964 to the Governments of the Member States concerning an increase in the protective duty on iron and steel products at the external frontiers of the Community, and in particular Article 3 thereof;

Whereas the Agreement of 29 July 1969 concerning products covered by the ECSC Treaty concluded between the Member States and the ECSC and the Associated African States and Madagascar expired on 31 January 1975 and whereas the Agreement of 14 December 1970 concerning trade in ECSC products with the overseas countries and territories expired on the same date; whereas Article 1 of each of these Agreements provided that imports into the Community of coal and steel products originating in the Associated African States and Madagascar and in the overseas countries and territories should be exempt from customs duties and charges having equivalent effect;

Whereas the representative of the Governments of the Member States meeting in the Council of Ministers decided on 30 January 1975 to maintain autonomously these tariff arrangements until new provisions are adopted;

Whereas the maintenance of these arrangements represents a requirement of commercial policy as referred to in Article 3 of the recommendation; whereas authorization should therefore be granted to derogate from Article 1 of the recommendation;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community are hereby authorized to suspend with retroactive effect from 1 February 1975 the duties applicable in the Community as originally constituted to imports of the products covered by the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community originating in the Associated African States and Madagascar or in the overseas countries and territories.

Article 2

This Decision shall be valid until 31 July 1975.

This Decision is addressed to the original Member States.

Done at Brussels, 22 May 1975.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

⁽¹⁾ OJ No 8, 22. 1. 1964, p. 99/64.