

COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 July 1977

excluding from admission free of Common Customs Tariff duties the group of scientific apparatus described as 'VHRR/VTTPR System'

(77/507/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1798/75 of 10 July 1975 on the importation free of Common Customs Tariff duties of educational, scientific and cultural materials⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3195/75 of 2 December 1975 laying down provisions for the implementation of Regulation (EEC) No 1798/75⁽²⁾, and in particular Articles 4 and 5 thereof,

Whereas, by letter dated 7 April 1977, the Belgian Government requested the Commission to invoke the procedure laid down in Articles 4 and 5 of Regulation (EEC) No 3195/75 in order to determine whether or not the group of apparatus described as 'VHRR/VTTPR System' should be considered as scientific apparatus or not and, where the reply is in the affirmative, whether apparatus of equivalent scientific value are currently manufactured in the Community;

Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 3195/75, a group of experts composed of representatives of all the Member States met on 29 June 1977 within the Committee on Duty-Free Arrangements to examine this particular case;

Whereas this examination shows that the group of apparatus in question is a reception station for signals from meteorological satellites of the new high resolution generation (VHRR); whereas it is used for the interpretation of information received from satellites;

whereas its technical characteristics and the use to which it is put render it material specially adapted to scientific research in the meteorological field; whereas, therefore, it is considered to be scientific apparatus;

Whereas, on the basis of information received from Member States, apparatus of equivalent scientific value capable of use for the same purpose is currently manufactured in the Community,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The group of apparatus described as 'VHRR/VTTPR System' must be considered to be scientific apparatus.
2. The conditions referred to in Article 3 (1) (b) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1798/75 of 10 July 1975 for admission free of Common Customs Tariff duties of the group of apparatus described as 'VHRR/VTTPR System' are not fulfilled.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 20 July 1977.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 184, 15. 7. 1975, p. 1.
⁽²⁾ OJ No L 316, 6. 12. 1975, p. 17.