

COMMISSION DECISION

of 22 September 1981

establishing that the apparatus described as 'ETEC-Autoscan scanning electron microscope' may not be imported free of Common Customs Tariff duties

(81/800/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⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1027/79⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2784/79 of 12 December 1979⁽³⁾, laying down provisions for the implementation of Regulation (EEC) No 1798/75, and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Whereas, by letter dated 21 March 1981, Italy has requested the Commission to invoke the procedure provided for in Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 2784/79 in order to determine whether or not the apparatus described as 'ETEC-Autoscan scanning electron microscope', to be used in particular for the submicroscopic study of the surfaces of samples of animal and vegetable tissues, micro-organisms, minerals and processed metals, should be considered to be a scientific apparatus and, where the reply is in the affirmative, whether apparatus of equivalent scientific value is currently being manufactured in the Community;

Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 2784/79, a group of experts composed of representatives of all the Member States met on 23 June 1981 within the framework of the Committee on Duty-Free Arrangements to examine the matter;

Whereas this examination showed that the apparatus in question is an electron microscope;

Whereas its objective technical characteristics such as the very high resolution and the use to which it is put make it specially suited to scientific research;

whereas, moreover, apparatus of the same kind are principally used for scientific activities; whereas it must therefore be considered to be a scientific apparatus;

Whereas, however, on the basis of information received from Member States, apparatus of scientific value equivalent to the said apparatus, capable of being used for the same purposes, are currently being manufactured in the Community; whereas this applies, in particular, to the apparatus 'PSEM 500' and 'SEM 501', manufactured by Philips Nederland BV Boschdijk 525, NL-Eindhoven, to the apparatus 'Camebax', manufactured by Cameca, 103, boulevard St Denis, FR-92 400 Courbevoie to the apparatus 'AMR 1000', manufactured by Ernst Leitz Wetzlar GmbH, D-6 330 Wetzlar, and to the apparatus 'Stereoscan 150 Marc 2' and 'Stereoscan 180', manufactured by Cambridge Scientific Instruments Ltd, Rustat Road, UK-Cambridge CB1 3QH,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The apparatus described as 'ETEC-Autoscan electron microscope', which is the subject of an application by Italy of 21 March 1981, may not be imported free of Common Customs Tariff duties.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 22 September 1981.

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 134, 31. 5. 1979, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 318, 13. 12. 1979, p. 32.