COMMISSION DECISION

of 14 February 1974

on the application by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of protective measures in respect of certain steel products in Chapter 73 of the Common Customs Tariff under Article 135 of the Act concerning the conditions of accession and the adjustments to the Treaties

(74/133/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to the Act concerning the Conditions of Accession and the Adjustments to the Treaties and in particular Article 135;

Having regard to the application of 8 February 1974 by the United Kingdom;

Whereas the events that have occured in the United Kingdom since the last months of 1973 have brought about a sharp fall in the production of coal and coke such as to endanger normal supplies to the United Kingdom steel industry; whereas the world energy situation does not permit alternative sources of supply to be found at short notice for the United Kingdom steel industry; whereas the Commission intends to take appropriate measures in accordance with Article 37 of the ECSC Treaty in respect of those products falling under that Treaty;

Whereas these measures do not resolve the supply problems in the sectors which use steel products not coming under the ECSC Treaty; whereas in particular the petroleum, automobile and construction sectors are in danger therefore of being exposed to serious supply difficulties which are likely to persist;

Whereas to diminish the consequences of this situation it is necessary to authorize the United Kingdom to take protective measures;

Whereas to meet this situation the measure causing the least disturbance to the operation of the common market and contributing to a re-equilibrium of the situation is the control of exports and deliveries of the steel products referred to above to third countries and Member States by the introduction of a licence system; whereas the regime to be applied to other Member States may in no circumstances be more restrictive than that relating to third countries;

Whereas the duration of applicability of the measure provided for by this Decision must be limited to the period strictly necessary to achieve the objectives set out in Article 135 of the Act of Accession;

Whereas it is necessary that the Commission shall review the situation regularly so as to enable it to take, as appropriate, suitable measures of alteration or revocation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The United Kingdom is authorized to establish in respect of certain steel products contained in Chapter 73 of the Common Customs Tariff, of which a list is set out in the Annex, a licence system in order to:

— limit exports of such products to third countries:

— control and, in so far as is necessary, limit deliveries of such products to other Member States — such regime however may in no circumstances be more restrictive, as far as each product is concerned, than that applied to exports to third countries.

Article 2

1. The United Kingdom shall notify the Commission immediately of those measures taken in application of Article 1 and shall inform the Commission regularly concerning the application of such measures.

2. The United Kingdom shall inform the Commission of the development of the situation in the sectors concerned with specific reference to the state of supplies of those products referred to in Article 1.

Article 3

1. The Commission shall ensure that the provisions of this Decision are applied, in particular with regard to the drawing-up and use of licences.

2. The Commission shall, as appropriate, adopt the provisions necessary for the application of this Decision.

Article 4

1. The Commission may alter or revoke this Decision if it determines that the conditions which led to its enactment have changed or that its effects prove to be more restrictive than its purpose requires, or involve particularly serious consequences for all or part of the Community.

2. The Commission shall review the general situation three months after the entry into force of this Decision.

Article 5

Without prejudice to the application of Article 4, this Decision shall remain in operation until 15 July 1974.

Article 6

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Strasbourg, 14 February 1974.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

ANNEX

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73.02	Ferro-alloys : A. Ferro-manganese : II. Other B. Ferro-aluminium, ferro-silico-aluminium and ferro-silico-manganese-aluminium C. Ferro-silicon D. Ferro-silico-manganese E. Ferro-chromium and ferro-silico-chromium : I. Ferro-chromium II. Ferro-silico-chromium F. Ferro-nickel G. Other
73.04	Shot and angular grit, of iron or steel, whether or not graded ; wire pellets of iron or steel
73.05	Iron or steel powders ; sponge iron or steel : A. Iron or steel powders
73.07	Blooms, billets, slabs and sheet bars (including tinplate bars), of iron or steel ; pieces roughly shaped by forging, of iron or steel : A. Blooms and billets : II. Forged B. Slabs and sheet bars (including tinplate bars) : II. Forged C. Pieces roughly shaped by forging
73.10	Bars and rods (including wire rod), of iron or steel, hot-rolled, forged, extruded, cold-formed or cold-finished (including precision-made) ; hollow mining drill steel : B. Not further worked than forged C. Not further worked than cold-formed or cold-finished D. Clad or surface-worked (for example, polished, coated) : I. Not further worked than clad : b) Cold-formed or cold-finished II. Other

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73.11	Angles, shapes and sections, of iron or steel, hot-rolled, forged, extruded, cold-formed or cold-finished; sheet piling of iron or steel, whether or not drilled, punched or made from assembled elements : A. Angles, shapes and sections : II. Not further worked than forged III. Not further worked than cold-formed or cold-finished IV. Clad or surface-worked (for example, polished, coated) : a) Not further worked than clad : 2. Cold-formed or cold-finished b) Other
73.12	Hoop and strip, of iron or steel, hot-rolled or cold-rolled : B. Not further worked than cold-rolled : II. Other C. Clad, coated or otherwise surface-treated : I. Silvered, gilded or platinum-plated II. Enamelled III. Tinned : b) Other IV. Zinc-coated or lead-coated V. Other (for example, copper-plated, artificially oxidized, lacquered, nickel-plated, varnished, clad, parkerized, printed) : a) Not further worked than clad : 2. Cold-rolled b) Other
73.13	Sheets and plates, of iron or steel, hot-rolled or cold-rolled : B. Other sheets and plates : II. Not further worked than cold-rolled, of a thickness of : a) 3 mm or more IV. Clad, coated or otherwise surface-treated : a) Silvered, gilded, platinum-plated or enamelled V. Otherwise shaped or worked : a) Cut into shapes other than rectangular shapes, but not further worked : 1. Silvered, gilded, platinum-plated or enamelled b) Other, excluding sheets and plates shaped by rolling
73.14	Iron or steel wire, whether or not coated, but not insulated

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73.15	Alloy steel and high carbon steel in the forms mentioned in heading Nos 73.06 to 73.14 : A. High carbon steel : I. Ingots, blooms, billets, slabs and sheet bars : a) Forged II. Pieces roughly shaped by forging V. Bars and rods (including wire rod) and hollow mining drill steel ; angles, shapes and sections : a) Not further worked than forged c) Not further worked than cold-formed or cold-finished d) Clad or surface-worked (for example, polished, coated) : 1. Not further worked than clad : bb) Cold-formed or cold-finished 2. Other VI. Hoop and strip : b) Not further worked than cold-rolled c) Clad, coated or otherwise surface-treated : 1. Not further worked than clad : bb) Cold-rolled 2. Other d) Otherwise shaped or worked (for example, perforated, chamfered, lap-jointed) VII. Sheets and plates : b) Not further worked than cold-rolled, of a thickness of : 1. 3 mm or more d) Otherwise shaped or worked : 2. Other, excluding sheets and plates shaped by rolling VIII. Wire, whether or not coated, but not insulated B. Alloy steel : I. Ingots, blooms, billets, slabs and sheet bars : a) Forged II. Pieces roughly shaped by forging V. Bars and rods (including wire rod) and hollow mining drill steel ; angles, shapes and sections : a) Not further worked than forged c) Not further worked than cold-formed or cold-finished d) Clad or surface-worked (for example, polished, coated) : 1. Not further worked than clad : bb) Cold-formed or cold-finished 2. Other

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73.15 *(continued)*	VI. Hoop and strip : b) Not further worked than cold-rolled c) Clad, coated or otherwise surface-treated : 1. Not further worked than clad : bb) Cold-rolled 2. Other d) Otherwise shaped or worked (for example, perforated, chamfered, lap-jointed VII. Sheets and plates : b) Other sheets and plates : 2. Not further worked than cold-rolled, of a thickness of : aa) 3 mm or more 4. Otherwise shaped or worked : bb) Other, excluding sheets and plates shaped by rolling VIII. Wire, whether or not coated, but not insulated
73.16	Railway and tramway track construction material of iron or steel, the following : rails, check-rails, switch blades, crossings (or frogs), crossing pieces, point rods, rack rails, sleepers, fish-plates, chairs, chair wedges, sole plates (base plates), rail clips, bedplates, ties and other material specialized for joining or fixing rails : A. Rails : I. Current-conducting, with parts of non-ferrous metal D. Fish-plates and sole plates : II. Other E. Other
73.17	Tubes and pipes, of cast iron
73.18	Tubes and pipes and blanks therefor, of iron (other than of cast iron) or steel, excluding high-pressure hydro-electric conduits : A. Straight and of uniform wall-thickness, unworked, seamless, of circular cross-section, solely for the manufacture of tubes and pipes with other cross-sections and wall-thicknesses (a) B. Straight and of uniform wall-thickness, other than those falling in A above, of a maximum length of 4·50 m, of alloy steel containing by weight not less than 0·90 % but not more than 1·15 % of carbon, not less than 0·50 % but not more than 2 % of chromium and not more than 0·50 % of molybdenum C. Other
73.19	High-pressure hydro-electric conduits of steel, whether or not reinforced
73.20	Tube and pipe fittings (for example, joints, elbows, unions and flanges), of iron or steel