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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 9 April 1974

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-first derogation)

(Only the English text is authentic)

(74/213/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 of 15 January 1964 [1] 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 Government of the United Kingdom has requested the Commission to authorize, for the second quarter of 1974, duty-free imports of 50 000 metric tons of coils for re-rolling from third countries;

Whereas the United Kingdom has established the continued inadequacy of its national supplies of coils, an inadequacy aggravated by exceptional economic and social circumstances; whereas it appears impossible for users to find the necessary supply on the Community market; whereas the duty-free import of 50 000 metric tons of coils during a three-month period would facilitate the return of normal conditions in the United Kingdom iron and steel market;

Whereas this exceptional importation is justified for reasons of commercial policy provided for in Article 3 of Recommendation No 1/64 of the High Authority; whereas the Commission consequently considers it necessary to grant a derogation from Recommendation No 1/64;

Whereas the Governments of the Member States have been consulted on the abovementioned request,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Government of the United Kingdom is authorized to derogate from the obligations arising under Article 1 of High Authority Recommendation No 1/64 of 15 January 1964 to the extent necessary to import at zero duty, from third countries, 50 000 metric tons of iron and steel coils for re-rolling, under heading No 73.08 of the Common Customs Tariff.

Article 2

1. The Government of the United Kingdom shall be required to ensure, in liaison with the Commission, that the quota is distributed on a non-discriminatory basis among third countries.

[1] OJ No 8, 22. 1. 1964, p. 99/64.

2. It shall be required to take all necessary steps to rule out the possibility of iron and steel products imported under the tariff quota being re-exported to other Member States in the same state as that in which it was imported.

Article 3

1. This decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

2. It shall be valid until 30 June 1974.

Done at Brussels, 9 April 1974.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI