COMMISSION DECISION

of 18 October 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-fourth derogation)

(Only the English text is authentic)

(74/534/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 Government of the United Kingdom has requested the Commission to authorize, for the fourth quarter of 1974, the importation duty-free from third countries of 50 000 metric tons of coils for re-rolling;

Whereas the United Kingdom finds its domestic supplies of coils are at present inadequate; whereas it has proved impossible in the short term for users to obtain the necessary tonnage on the Community market;

Whereas this exceptional importation is justified for reasons of commercial policy as referred to in Article 3 of High Authority recommendation No 1/64; whereas the Commission may accordingly authorize 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 falling within heading No 73.08 of the Common Customs Tariff.

Article 2

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

2. It shall take all necessary steps to prevent iron and steel products imported under the quota from being re-exported, in the same state as that in which they were imported, to other Member States.

Article 3

1. This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

2. It shall remain in force until 31 December 1974.

Done at Brussels, 18 October 1974.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

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