COMMISSION DECISION

of 27 February 1976

derogating from High Authority recommendation 1/64 concerning an increase in the protective duty on iron and steel products at the external frontiers of the Community

(Seventy-fifth derogation)

(76/296/ECSC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community,

Having regard to High Authority recommendation 1/64 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 [1], and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Whereas by Decision of 24 June 1975 the representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community meeting within the Council acting in agreement with the Commission decided to suspend autonomously, for a period starting on 1 July 1975 and continuing until 29 February 1976 at the latest, the import duties or the levying thereof on products covered by the Treaty originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States or in the overseas countries and territories associated with the Community (hereinafter respectively called 'ACP States' and 'OCT');

Whereas by Decision of 23 February 1976 the representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community meeting within the Council acting in agreement with the Commission decided to extend the period of validity of that Decision until the entry into force of the Agreement signed on 28 February 1975 between the ACP States and the Member States of the Community (hereinafter called 'the Agreement'), or at the latest until 31 July 1976;

Whereas the Commission by its Decision 75/427/ECSC of 4 July 1975 authorized the implementation of the measures set out in the Decision of 24 June 1975 for a period continuing until 29 February 1976;

Whereas the period of validity of the Commission Decision of 4 July 1975 should be extended until the entry into force of the Agreement or at the latest until 31 July 1976,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Article 2 of Commission Decision 75/427/ECSC of 4 July 1975, the date 29 February 1976 is hereby replaced by 31 July 1976.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 27 February 1976.

For the Commission

Christopher SOAMES

Vice-President

(1) OJ No 8, 22. 1. 1964, p. 99/64.