COMMISSION DECISION

of 1 April 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-eighth derogation)

(Only the English text is authentic)

(76/380/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 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 the United Kingdom has shown that its national supplies of tinplate are at present insufficient; whereas users could obtain the necessary supply on the Community market;

Whereas the Government of the United Kingdom has accordingly requested the Commission to authorize, for the first six months of 1976, duty-free imports of the required amount of double-reduced tinplate from third countries;

Whereas this exceptional importation is justified for the reasons of commercial policy provided for in Article 3 of the said recommendation; whereas the Commission can therefore grant a derogation from the said recommendation;

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 hereby authorized to derogate from the obligations under Article 1 of High Authority recommendation 1/64 of 15 January 1964 to the extent necessary to import at zero duty from third countries 12 000 metric tons of 'No 8 double-reduced' tinplate not exceeding 0·17 mm in thickness and with a tensile strength equal to or in excess of 480 new tons/mm^2 (ex 73.13 B IV b) 1 of the Common Customs Tariff).

Article 2

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.

It shall be required to take all necessary steps to avoid 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

This Decision shall be valid until 30 June 1976.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 1 April 1976.

For the Commission

Christopher SOAMES

Vice-President

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