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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 14 May 1976

on the duty-free importation of goods for free distribution to the earthquake victims in the Friuli region

(76/472/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1410/74 of 4 June 1974 on the tariff treatment applicable to goods imported for free circulation in the event of disasters occuring in the territory of one or more Member States [1], and in particular Article 2 thereof,

Having regard to the request made by the Government of the Italian Republic dated 12 May 1976,

Whereas the Government of the Italian Republic has sought the duty-free importation of goods intended for free distribution to victims of the earthquake in the region of Friuli, or to be made available free of charge ;

Whereas the said critical situation satisfies the conditions laid down in Regulation (EEC) No 1410/74 for the granting of an exemption from customs duties, charges having equivalent effect, agricultural levies and other import charges provided for under the common agricultural policy or under specific arrangements applicable pursuant to Article 235 of the Treaty to certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products ;

Whereas, so that the Commission may be suitably informed of the use made of the goods admitted duty-free, the Government of the Italian Republic must communicate the measures taken to prevent such goods imported duty-free from being employed otherwise than for the use laid down ; whereas the Commission should also be informed of the extent and the nature of the importations made ;

Whereas other Member States have been consulted as laid down in Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 1410/74,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

1. Goods of prime necessity, including tents, medicaments, clothing and other relief materials, imported for free circulation by organizations approved by the competent Italian authorities for the purpose of being distributed by them free to the victims of the earthquake in the region of Friuli, or made available free of charge, shall be admitted free of customs duties, charges having equivalent effect, agricultural levies and other import charges provided for under the common agricultural policy or under specific arrangements applicable pursuant to Article 235 of the Treaty to certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products.

[1] OJ No L 150, 7. 6. 1974, p. 4.

2. Goods imported for free circulation by the relief units to cover their own requirements during the period of their operations shall also be admitted duty-free.

Article 2

The Government of the Italian Republic shall communicate to the Commission the list of approved organizations referred to in Article 1 (1).

Article 3

1. The Government of the Italian Republic shall communicate to the Commission all information regarding the nature and quantities of the various goods admitted free of duty in pursuance of Article 1.

2. The communication referred to in paragraph 1 relating to the period expiring on 4 June 1976 must reach the Commission by 11 June 1976 at the latest.

Article 4

The Government of the Italian Republic shall communicate to the Commission the measures which it takes to ensure that Article 4 Regulation (EEC) No 1410/74 is respected.

Article 5

After consultation with the Government of the Italian Republic, the Commission shall consider within one month from the date of the notification of this Decision, whether this Decision should be maintained, modified or repealed.

Article 6

This Decision shall come into effect from 7 May 1976.

Article 7

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 14 May 1976.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission