COMMISSION DECISION

of 19 July 1976

recognizing the scientific character of the apparatus known as 'Sounding Rocket Super ARCAS type 1, Marc 60 A2'

(76/675/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1798/75 of 10 July 1975 on the importation free of Common Customs Tariff duties of educational, scientific and cultural materials (1),

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3195/75 of 2 December 1975 laying down provisions for the implementation of Regulation (EEC) No 1798/75 (2), and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas by letter dated 10 March 1976 the French Government requested the Commission to determine whether or not the apparatus known as 'Sounding Rocket Super ARCAS type 1, Marc 60 A2' should be considered to be a scientific apparatus;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 4 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 3195/75, a group of experts composed of representatives of all the Member States met on 12 July 1976 within the Committee on Duty-Free Arrangements to examine this particular case;

Whereas this examination shows that the sounding rocket concerned is not used for weather forecasting, but is exclusively used in the study of phenomena taking place in the high atmosphere, in particular wind direction, thermic exchanges and solar rays, with a view to the investigation of the possible influence of these phenomena on variations in the weather; whereas the characteristics of this sounding rocket and the use for which it is intended make it an item of equipment specially adapted to scientific research for meteorological purposes; whereas therefore it possesses the character of a scientific apparatus,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The apparatus known as 'Sounding Rocket Super ARCAS type 1, Marc 60 A2' is hereby considered to be a scientific apparatus.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 19 July 1976.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

(1) OJ No L 184, 15. 7. 1975, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 316, 6. 12. 1975, p. 17.