COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 21 December 1976

amending Decision 73/351/EEC setting up an Advisory Committee on Customs Matters

(76/921/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Whereas, in order to gather the opinions of professional and consumer circles on problems arising from the operation of the customs union, the Commission set up an Advisory Committee on Customs Matters by its Decision 73/351/EEC of 7 November 1973 [1];

Whereas experience has shown that the number of representatives from industry is not sufficient to ensure to the best advantage the participation of this important economic category in the work of the Committee; whereas it is also desirable that the Commission should gather the opinions of other professional categories which are in close contact with the problems arising in international trade by providing for the participation in the work of the Committee of a representative of 'other parties concerned with customs problems',

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Article 3 of Commission Decision 73/351/EEC is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Article 3

1. The Committee shall consist of 35 members.

The Committee shall be composed of representatives from the following categories: industrialists, craftsmen, agriculturists, tradesmen, carriers, banking and insurance institutions, customs agents (including specialized transport carriers), tourist boards, workers, consumers, and other parties concerned with customs problems.

2. Representation on the Committee shall be as follows:

— four to representatives of industry,
— one to representatives of craft industry,
— three to representatives of agriculture (of which one shall be to representatives of agricultural cooperatives),
— four to representatives of commercial organizations,
— three to representatives of Chambers of Commerce and Industry,
— one to representatives of rail transport,
— one to representatives of road transport,
— one to representatives of shipping,
— one to representatives of inland waterways transport,
— one to representatives of air transport,
— one to representatives of banking institutions,
— one to representatives of insurance institutions,
— three to representatives of customs agents (including specialized transport carriers),
— two to representatives of tourist boards,
— four to representatives of workers,
— three to representatives of consumers (of which one shall be for consumers cooperatives),
— one to representatives of other parties concerned with customs problems.'

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on 21 December 1976.

Done at Brussels, 21 December 1976.

For the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 321, 22. 11. 1973, p. 37.