COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 February 1977

excluding from admission free of Common Customs Tariff duties the scientific apparatus described as 'Oceanographic Streamer OSI-2550'

(77/168/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 4 thereof,

Whereas, by letter dated 14 October 1976, the German Government requested the Commission to invoke the procedure laid down in paragraphs 3 to 7 of Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 3195/75 in order to determine whether apparatus of scientific value equivalent to the apparatus described as 'Oceanographic Streamer OSI-2550' is currently manufactured in the Community ;

Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 3195/75, a group of experts composed of representatives of all of the Member States met on 21 January 1977 within the Committee on Duty-Free Arrangements to examine this particular case ;

Whereas the apparatus in question is composed of two units of 100 hydrophones, each mounted in series in order to capture the seismic impulses sent out under water by a research ship to which it is attached ;

Whereas, on the basis of information received from Member States, apparatus of equivalent scientific value capable of use for the same purpose is currently manufactured in the Community,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The conditions referred to in Article 3 (1) (b) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1798/75 of 10 July 1975 for admission free of Common Customs Tariff duties of the apparatus described as 'Oceanographic Streamer OSI-2550' are not fulfilled.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 7 February 1977.

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.