COMMISSION DECISION

of 16 December 1976

prolonging the duty-free importation of goods for free distribution to the earth-quake victims in the Friuli region

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(77/18/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 occurring 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, by the Decision of 14 May 1976 [2] in response to this request, the Commission authorized the duty-free importation of goods for free distribution to the earthquake victims in the Friuli region; whereas this duty-free admission was extended until 31 December 1976 by the Commission Decision of 16 September 1976 [3];

Whereas the Commission's consultation with the Italian Government under Article 3 of the said Decision has revealed that the current situation in the region concerned justifies the extension of duty-free admission for all goods imported for free circulation under the conditions laid down in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 1410/74;

Whereas such extension should be limited to the period ending 31 March 1977 in order to allow the Commission to re-examine the situation on the basis of information communicated by the Government of the Italian Republic concerning the scale and nature of importations carried out under the provisions for duty-free admission;

Whereas the other Member States have been consulted in accordance with Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 1410/74,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The provision for admission free of import duties, under Article 1 (1) of the Commission Decision of 14 May 1976, shall be extended until 31 March 1977 for all goods imported for free circulation by State organization or by organizations approved by the competent Italian authorities for the purpose of being distributed by them free to the earth-quake victims in the Friuli region, or made available free of charge whilst remaining the property of the organizations in question.

2. The provision for admission free of import duties, under Article 1 (2) of the Commission Decision of 14 May 1976 for goods imported for free circulation by the relief units to cover their own requirements during the period of their operations, shall also be extended until 31 March 1977.

Article 2

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 under Article 1.

2. The communication required under paragraph 1, covering the period 8 December 1976 to 11 March 1977, shall reach the Commission not later than 18 March 1977.

Article 3

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

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[1] OJ No L 150, 7. 6. 1974, p. 4.
[2] OJ No L 131, 20. 5. 1976, p. 19.
[3] OJ No L 254, 17. 9. 1976, p. 51.

Article 4

This Decision shall come into effect from 1 January 1977.

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 16 December 1976.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission