COMMISSION DECISION

of 9 December 1977

excluding from admission free of Common Customs Tariff duties the scientific apparatus described as 'Beckman Ultracentrifuge, model L5-50'

(78/34/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 Articles 4 and 5 thereof,

Whereas, by letter dated 28 July 1977, the Belgian Government requested the Commission to invoke the procedure laid down in Articles 4 and 5 of Regulation (EEC) No 3195/75 in order to determine whether or not the apparatus described as 'Beckman Ultracentrifuge, model L5-50' should be considered to be scientific apparatus, and where the reply is in the affirmative, whether apparatus of equivalent scientific value 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 23 November 1977 within the Committee on Duty Free Arrangements to examine this particular case ;

Whereas this examination shows that the apparatus in question is a high performance centrifuge with capabilities necessary to run high energy rotors to maximum 50 000 rpm, force 337 000 g, used in the application of centrifugal forces to biochemical research ; whereas, taking into account its special characteristics and the use to which it is put, it must therefore be considered to be scientific apparatus ;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

1. The apparatus described as 'Beckman Ultracentrifuge, model L5-50' must be considered to be scientific apparatus.

2. 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 scientific apparatus described in paragraph 1 are not fulfilled.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 9 December 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.