COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 31 July 1978

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

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(78/643/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 30 June 1978 by the Commission Decision of 28 December 1977 (3);

Whereas the Commission's consultation with the Italian Government under Article 3 of the said Decision has revealed that because of the necessary delay in implementing the plan for rehousing those affected by the disaster it is appropriate to extend, until 31 December 1978, the duty-free admission for all goods imported for free circulation under the conditions laid down in Article 1 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1410/74 as well as those which are on that date in the course of being conveyed to the place of the disaster;

Whereas, in order to allow the Commission to follow the development of the situation, there is reason for providing for the transmission to the Commission by the Government, in accordance with a suitable timetable, all information on the scope and nature of importations carried out with the benefit of 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 December 1978 for all goods imported for free circulation by State organizations or by organizations approved by the competent Italian authorities for the purpose of being distributed by them free to the earthquake victims in the Friuli region, or made available free of charge while remaining the property of the organizations in question.

2. The duty-free admission referred to in the above paragraph shall also apply to goods which, on 31 December 1978, are in the course of being conveyed to the place of the disaster.

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.

(1) OJ No L 150, 7. 6. 1974, p. 4.
(2) OJ No L 131, 20. 5. 1976, p. 19.
(3) OJ No L 41, 11. 2. 1978, p. 32.

2. The communication required under paragraph 1 must reach the Commission on the following dates :

(a) for the period 1 July to 1 October 1978 : 15 October 1978 at the latest ;

(b) for the period 2 October to 1 December 1978 : 15 December 1978 at the latest.

Article 3

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six months from the date of the notification of this Decision, whether this Decision should be maintained, modified or repealed.

Article 4

This Decision shall come into effect from 1 July 1978.

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 31 July 1978.

For the Commission

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