COMMISSION DECISION

of 8 May 1979

excluding from admission free of Common Customs Tariff duties the scientific apparatus described as 'Canberra-Ge(Li) detector, series No 1149 with preamplifier, model 2001, cryostat model 7500 and high voltage power supply, model 3105'

(79/482/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 7 November 1978, the Danish 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 describes as 'Cambera-Ge(Li) detector, series No 1149 with preamplifier, model 2001, cryostat model 7500 and high voltage power supply, model 3105', for use in research on radioactive waste storage and monitoring of radioactive stocks, should be considered to be a scientific apparatus and, where the reply is in the affirmative, whether apparatus of equivalent scientific value is currently being 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 the Member States met on 7 March 1979 within the Committee on Duty-Free Arrangements to examine this particular case ;

Whereas this examination showed that the apparatus in question is a germanium-lithium detector ; whereas its objective technical characteristics such as resolving power and efficiency and the use to which it is put make it specially suited to pure scientific research ; whereas it must therefore be considered to be a scientific apparatus ;

Whereas, however, on the basis of information received from Member States, apparatus of scientific value equivalent to the said apparatus capable of being used for the same purposes is currently being manufactured in the Community ; whereas this applies in particular to the apparatus ACO 135 and ACO 139 manufactured by Harshaw Chemie BV, Strijkviertel 67, 3454 ZG de Meern, the Netherlands, the apparatus Ge(Li) manufactured by Enertec-Schlumberger, 1, rue Nieuport, 78140 Velizy-Villacoublay, France since 1 January 1979 and, whereas, on request, the firm of Montedel, Laben, via Bassini 15, Milan, Italy also manufactures similar equipment,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

1. The apparatus described as 'Canberra-Ge(Li) detector, series No 1149 with preamplifier, model 2001, cryostat model 7500 and high voltage power supply, model 3105' is considered to be a 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, 8 May 1979.

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.