COMMISSION DECISION

of 31 October 1979

refusing to accept the scientific character of the apparatus described as 'Bison automatic signal enhancement seismograph, model 1575 B'

(79/979/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 23 March 1979, the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany 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 'Bison automatic signal enhancement seismograph, model 1575 B', intended for use in teaching in the geotechnical field and for research in the framework of the identification of underground geological structures, should be considered as 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 20 September 1979 within the Committee on Duty-Free Arrangements to examine this particular case;

Whereas this examination showed that the apparatus in question is a portable seismograph; whereas it does not have the requisite objective characteristics making it specifically suited to pure scientific research; whereas it is currently in use, particularly in petrol and mining exploration; whereas its use in the case in question could not alone confer upon it the character of a scientific apparatus; whereas it therefore cannot be regarded as a scientific apparatus,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The apparatus described as 'Bison automatic signal enhancement seismograph, model 1575 B' is not considered to be a scientific apparatus.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 31 October 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.