COMMISSION DECISION

of 12 November 1979

allowing admission free of Common Customs Tariff duties of the scientific apparatus described as 'WPI — bevelling system, consisting of: Dual Microprobe, model KS 700 ; Beveller, model 1200 ; Micropositioner, model 1250 ; Volt-Ohmmeter, model F-29'

(79/999/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 3 May 1979, the United Kingdom 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 'WPI — bevelling system, consisting of: Dual Microprobe, model KS 700 ; Beveller, model 1200 ; Micropositioner, model 1250 ; Volt-Ohmmeter, model F-29' for use to investigate the sites of potential across the mammatian tracheal epithelium and to measure transmembrane potential and electrical resistance of the epithelium, 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 11 October 1979 within the Committee on Duty-Free Arrangements to examine this particular case ;

Whereas this examination showed that the apparatus in question is a bevelling system comprising a dual microprobe, a beveller, a micropositioner and a voltohmmeter ;

Whereas its objective technical characteristics which allow the special application of the technique of electrode probing for clinical research purposes make it an apparatus particularly suited to scientific research ; whereas it must therefore be considered to be a scientific apparatus ;

Whereas, on the basis of information received from Member States, apparatus of equivalent scientific value capable of use for the same purpose is not currently manufactured in the Community ; whereas, therefore, duty-free admission of this apparatus is justified,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

1. The apparatus described as 'WPI — bevelling system, consisting of: Dual Microprobe, model KS 700 ; Beveller, model 1200 ; Micropositioner, model 1250 ; Volt-Ohmmeter, model F-29' 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 apparatus described in paragraph 1 are fulfilled.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 12 November 1979.

For the Commission

Étienne DAVIGNON

Member of the Commission

(1) OJ No L 184, 15. 7. 1975, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 316, 6. 12. 1975, p. 17.