COMMISSION DECISION

of 4 February 1980

authorizing the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands not to apply Community treatment to drawn or blown glass, falling within heading No ex 70.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the USSR and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the Dutch and French texts are authentic)

(80/241/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular the first paragraph of Article 115 thereof,

Having regard to the application under the first paragraph of Article 115 of the Treaty, made on 29 January 1980 by the Governments of the Benelux countries to the Commission of the European Communities, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to drawn or blown glass, falling within heading No ex 70.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the USSR and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas in the Benelux countries the importation of the products in question originating in the USSR is, in accordance with the Council Decision of 20 December 1979, prohibited ;

Whereas the disparities which exist in the commercial policy measures applied in connection with these products by the Member States are causing deflection of trade, thereby preventing the execution of those commercial policy measures which are in force because of the difficult economic situation in the sector concerned ;

Whereas according to information supplied by the Benelux authorities there are at present serious economic difficulties in the industry in question, which is involved in a restructuring effort and these difficulties are being aggravated by low-priced imports from the third countries ;

Whereas further indirect imports, in addition to those already made or proposed, would be likely to aggravate these difficulties ;

Whereas it is not possible to set in motion rapidly the machinery for bringing about the necessary cooperation from the other Member States ;

Whereas authorization should accordingly be given for the application of protective measures under the first paragraph of Article 115, subject to the conditions laid down in Commission Decision 71/202/EEC of 12 May 1971 [1], and in particular Article 1 thereof ;

Whereas, however, the application for all the licences which gave rise to the application in question does not need to be covered by such an authorization,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands are authorized not to apply Community treatment to the products indicated below, where they originate in the USSR and are in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 23 January 1980 :

CCT heading No	Description
ex 70.05	Drawn or blown glass

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until new opportunities arise in the Benelux countries for the importation of these products from the USSR or until 31 December 1980, whichever is the earlier.

[1] OJ No L 121, 3. 6. 1971, p. 26.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Done at Brussels, 4 February 1980.

For the Commission

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