COMMISSION DECISION

of 1 August 1980

finding that the conditions required for the admission of Common Customs Tariff duties of the scientific apparatus described as 'Apollo-Tunable CO_2 Laser, model 560, with fine tuning mechanism, type PZT' are not fulfilled

(80/840/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), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1027/79 (2),

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2784/79 of 12 December 1979 laying down provisions for the implementation of Regulation (EEC) No 1798/75 (3), and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Whereas, by letter dated 13 March 1980, the British Government has requested the Commission to invoke the procedure now provided for in Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 2784/79 in order to determine whether or not the apparatus described as 'Apollo-Tunable CO_2 Laser, model 560, with fine tuning mechanism, type PZT', to be used for research on the far infra-red spectra of free radicals by laser magnetic resonance and, in particular, for pumping molecular lasers which give the required for infra-red transition, 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 7 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 2784/79, a group of experts composed of representatives of all the Member States met on 9 July 1980 within the framework of the Committee on Duty-Free Arrangements to examine the matter;

Whereas this examination showed that the apparatus in question is a continuous wave CO_2 laser;

Whereas its objective technical characteristics such as the characteristics of the beam, and the use to which it is put make it specially suited to scientific research;

whereas, moreover, apparatus of the same kind are principally used for scientific activities; 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, are currently being manufactured in the Community; whereas this applies, in particular, to the apparatus 'PL3' and, since 1 March 1980, to the apparatus 'PL4' both manufactured by Edinburgh Instruments Ltd, Riccarton Currie, Edinburgh EH 144 EP, United Kingdom and to an apparatus manufactured on request by Fairlight Technische en Wetenschappelijke Apparaten BV, Rotterdam the Netherlands,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The apparatus described as 'Apollo-Tunable CO_2 Laser, model 560, with fine tuning mechanism, type PZT' is considered to be a scientific apparatus.

2. However, the conditions required for the 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, 1 August 1980.

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 134, 31. 5. 1979, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 318, 13. 12. 1979, p. 32.