COMMISSION DECISION

of 27 March 1981

establishing that the apparatus described as 'JEOL electron microscope, JEM-100 CX' may not be imported free of Common Customs Tariff duties

(81/258/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 22 September 1980, the Government of the United Kingdom has requested the Commission to invoke the procedure provided for in Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 2784/79 in order to determine whether or not the apparatus described as 'JEOL electron microscope, JEM-100 CX', to be used for the research of the ultrastructure of cells, biological membranes, receptor proteins and model systems concerned with neuromuscular transmission and other excitation-secretion mechanisms, 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 29 January 1981 within the framework of the Committee on Duty-Free Arrangements to examine the matter;

Whereas this examination showed that the apparatus in question is an electron microscope;

Whereas its objective technical characteristics such as the resolution power and the stability 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 'EM 400 T' manufactured by Philips Nederland BV, NL-Boschdijk 525, Eindhoven, to the apparatus 'EM 10 B' manufactured by Carl Zeiss, D-7085 Oberkochen and to the apparatus 'Elmiscop CT 150' manufactured by Siemens AG, Postfach 211080, D-7500 Karlsruhe 21,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The apparatus described as 'JEOL electron microscope, JEM-100 CX', which is the subject of an application by the Government of the United Kingdom of 22 September 1980, may not be imported free of Common Customs Tariff duties.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 27 March 1981.

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.