COMMISSION DECISION

of 27 November 1981

establishing that the apparatus described as 'Molectron — pulsed Nd : YAG laser, model MY 34, with accessories' may not be imported free of Common Customs Tariff duties

(81/997/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 20 May 1981, 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 'Molectron — pulsed Nd : YAG laser, model MY 34, with accessories', to be used for the investigation of relaxation processes in solids following picosecond laser excitation, 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 30 October 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 a laser ;

Whereas its objective technical characteristics, such as the energetic value of the impulses, 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 'hyper YAG laser system 2000' manufactured by J. K. Lasers Ltd, Somers Road, UK-Rugby CV22 7DG, Warwickshire and to the apparatus 'laser YAG, model YG 481 DT' manufactured by Quantel, avenue de l'Atlantique, F-91941 Les Ulis Orsay Cedex,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The apparatus described as 'Molectron — pulsed Nd : YAG laser, model MY 34, with accessories', which is the subject of an application by the United Kingdom of 20 May 1981, may not be imported free of Common Customs Tariff duties.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 27 November 1981.

For the Commission

Karl-Heinz NARJES

Member of the Commission

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(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.