COMMISSION DECISION

of 5 February 1982

establishing that the apparatus described as 'SLM spectrofluorometer, model SLM 4800' may not be imported free of Common Customs Tariff duties

(82/143/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 17 July 1981, the Federal Republic of Germany 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 'SLM spectrofluorometer, model SLM 4800', to be used for the study of protein-lipid and protein-protein interactions in biological membranes and in particular for the measurement of the fluorescence lifetime and of differential dynamic polarization in specimens, 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 12 January 1982 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 fluorometer;

Whereas its objective technical characteristics such as the great sensitivity and the precision of the fluorometrical analysis 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 conventional apparatus manufactured by Applied Photophysics, 20 Albemarle Street, UK-London W1X 3HA and to the apparatus 'JY3C' manufactured by Jobin Yvon, 16-18 rue du Canal, 91160 Longjumeau, France,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The apparatus described as 'SLM spectrofluorometer, model SLM 4800', which is the subject of an application by the Federal Republic of Germany of 17 July 1981, may not be imported free of Common Customs Tariff duties.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 5 February 1982.

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.