COMMISSION DECISION

of 22 April 1982

establishing that the apparatus described as 'Beckman — ultracentrifuge, model L8-80' may not be imported free of Common Customs Tariff duties

(82/278/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 12 October 1981, Italy 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 'Beckman — ultracentrifuge, model L8-80', to be used for the research into the chemical aspects of drugs and for the study of the characteristics of subcellular and macromolecular components, 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 22 March 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 an ultracentrifuge; whereas its objective technical characteristics such as the great sensibility 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 'Centriscan 75' manufactured by MSE Scientific Instruments, Manor Royal, UK-Crawley, Sussex RH10 2QQ,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The apparatus described as 'Beckman — ultracentrifuge, model L8-80', which is the subject of an application by Italy of 12 October 1981, may not be imported free of Common Customs Tariff duties.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 22 April 1982.

For the Commission

Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Vice-President

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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.