COMMISSION DECISION

of 19 May 1982

establishing that the apparatus described as 'Akashi — Scanning Electron Microscope, model ISI-DS-130' may not be imported free of Common Customs Tariff duties

(82/377/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 3 December 1981, Belgium 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 'Akashi — Scanning Electron Microscope, model ISI-DS-130', ordered 25 January 1980 and to be used for research in the field of biology and in particular for the study of various forms of cells in culture media, frog embryos and various species of insects, 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 20 April 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 electron microscope; whereas its objective technical characteristics such as the very high resolution power 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 with SEM 501 B' manufactured by Philips Nederland BV, Boschdijk 525, NL-Eindhoven,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The apparatus described as 'Akashi — Scanning Electron Microscope, model ISI-DS-130', which is the subject of an application by Belgium of 3 December 1981, may not be imported free of Common Customs Tariff duties.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 19 May 1982.

For the Commission

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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.