COMMISSION DECISION

of 27 September 1982

establishing that the apparatus described as 'Aminco — Spectrofluorometer, model J4-8970' may not be imported free of Common Customs Tariff duties

(82/684/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 last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 608/82 [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 16 April 1982, 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 'Aminco — Spectroflurometer, model J4-8970', ordered on 3 December 1980 and to be used for the emission and excitation of spectra of proteins, of spectra of ligands in solution and coordinated to proteins, for the quantitative studies on the combination of fluorescent lectins and antibodies with normal and tumorous cells, for the enzyme kinetics due to fluorescent substrates and also for the study of protein/protein interactions and protein denaturations, 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 16 July 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 spectrofluorometer; whereas its objective technical characteristics such as the resolution power of the spectrum 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 'SFR 100' manufactured by Baird-Atomic Ltd, East Street, Braintree, UK-Essex, and to the apparatus 'JY3C' manufactured by Jobin Yvon, 16-18, rue du Canal, 91163 F-Longjumeau Cedex,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The apparatus described as 'Aminco — Spectrofluorometer, model J4-8970', which is the subject of an application by Belgium of 16 April 1982, may not be imported free of Common Customs Tariff duties.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 27 September 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 74, 18. 3. 1982, p. 4.
[3] OJ No L 318, 13. 12. 1979, p. 32.