COMMISSION DECISION

of 9 June 1983

establishing that the apparatus described as 'Sorvall — Ultramicrotome, model MT-1A' may be imported free of Common Customs Tariff duties

(83/301/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 1 December 1982, the Netherlands have 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 'Sorvall — Ultramicrotome, model MT-1A', ordered on 30 July 1981 and intended to be used for the preparation of very thin specimens of animal tissue required for the microscopic examination of neurosecretory substances in crustaceans, 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 25 April 1983 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 microtome;

Whereas its objective technical characteristics, such as the reproduction of very thin specimens of tissues, 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, on the basis of information received from Member States, apparatus of equivalent scientific value capable of use for the same purpose is not currently manufactured in the Community; whereas, therefore, duty-free admission of this apparatus is justified,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The apparatus described as 'Sorvall — Ultramicrotome, model MT-1A', which is the subject of an application by the Netherlands of 1 December 1982, may be imported free of Common Customs Tariff duties.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 9 June 1983.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

(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.