COMMISSION DECISION

of 13 July 1983

establishing that the apparatus described as 'Scintrex — High Sensitivity Vector Fluxgate Magnetometer, model MFM-3' may be imported free of Common Customs Tariff duties

(83/364/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 14 January 1983, 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 'Scintrex — High Sensitivity Vector Fluxgate Magnetometer, model MFM-3', ordered in November 1980 and intended to be used for the studies of polarization induced with a magnetic detector, the observation and recording of the micropulsations of the earth's magnetic field, caused mainly by solar agents, 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 31 May 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 magnetometer; whereas its objective technical characteristics such as the sensibility in the magnetic detection, 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 'Scintrex — High Sensitivity Vector Fluxgate Magnetometer, model MFM-3' which is the subject of an application by Italy of 14 January 1983 may be imported free of Common Customs Tariff duties.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 13 July 1983.

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 74, 18. 3. 1982, p. 4.
[3] OJ No L 318, 13. 12. 1979, p. 32.