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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 10 August 1983

establishing that the apparatus described as 'Hitachi — Transmission Electron Microscope, model H700H, with scanning attachment and X-ray energy dispersive detector' may not be imported free of Common Customs Tariff duties

(83/437/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 23 February 1983, the United Kingdom 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 'Hitachi — Transmission Electron Microscope, model H700H, with scanning attachment and X-ray energy dispersive detector', ordered on 30 October 1980 and intended to be used in electron microscopy of synthetic polymers, as analytical and imaging facilities, 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 5 July 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 microscope; whereas its objective technical characteristics, such as the 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 'EM400T with STEM-unit' manufactured by Philips Nederland BV, Boschdijk 525, NL-Eindhoven, in combination with the 'Si(Li) Detector' manufactured by Link Systems Ltd, Halifax Road, UK-High Wycombe, Bucks. HP12 3SE,

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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.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The apparatus described as 'Hitachi — Transmission Electron Microscope, model H700H, with scanning attachment and X-ray energy dispersive detector', which is the subject of an application by the United Kingdom of 23 February 1983, may not be imported free of Common Customs Tariff duties.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 10 August 1983.

For the Commission

Étienne DAVIGNON

Vice-President