COMMISSION DECISION

of 3 July 1984

establishing that the apparatus described as 'Leeds & Northrup — Fixed Temperature Standard, model 8411' may be imported free of Common Customs Tariff duties

(84/373/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 27 December 1983, Belgium 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 'Leeds & Northrup — Fixed Temperature Standard, model 8411', ordered on 28 March 1982 and intended to be used for temperature calibration and determination of an accurate, stable, fixed temperature standard which can be used as a reference for continuous differential temperature-measurement processes, 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 exports composed of representatives of all the Member States met on 5 June 1984 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 temperature standard; whereas its objective technical characteristics, such as the precision, the reproduction and the stability, 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 'Leeds & Northrup — Fixed Temperature Standard, model 8411', which is the subject of an application by Belgium of 27 December 1983, may be imported free of Common Customs Tariff duties.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 3 July 1984.

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.