COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 July 1991

derogating from High Authority recommendation No 1/64 concerning an increase in the protective duty on iron and steel products at the external frontiers of the Community (151st derogation)

(91/452/ECSC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, and in particular the third paragraph of Article 71 thereof,

Having regard to High Authority recommendation No 1/64 of 15 January 1964 to the Governments of the Member States concerning an increase in the protective duty on iron and steel products at the external frontiers of the Community [1], as last amended by recommendation 88/27/ECSC [2], and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Whereas certain iron and steel products indispensable to the manufacture of certain goods and having very special physical and chemical characteristics are not produced in the Community, or are produced in insufficient quantities ; whereas for a number of years insufficiency has been overcome by duty-free tariff quotas ; whereas Community producers are still not in a position to comply with the present quality requirements put forward by the users ; whereas duty-free quotas at a level securing the supply of users are consequently required ;

Whereas import of these products on preferential terms is not injurious to iron and steel undertakings in the Community which produce directly competing products ;

Whereas neither this suspension of duties nor these tariff quotas are likely to jeopardize the objectives of recommendation No 1/64, but will help to maintain existing trade flows between Member States and non-member countries ;

Whereas these are special cases in the commercial policy field justifying the authorization of derogations pursuant to Article 3 of recommendation No 1/64 ;

Whereas provision should be made pursuant to the third paragraph of Article 71 of the ECSC Treaty, to ensure that the quotas granted will be used solely to supply the needs of industries in the importing countries and that re-export in the unaltered state to other Member States of the imported iron and steel products will be prevented ;

Whereas the Governments of the Member States have been consulted on the tariff quotas set out below,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

1. Member States are hereby authorized to derogate from the obligations arising pursuant to Article 1 of High Authority recommendation No 1/64 to the extent necessary to suspend at the levels indicated the customs duties on the products set out below, within tariff quotas of the amounts indicated for the Member States concerned :

CN code	Description	Member State	Quota (tonnes)	Duty (%)
ex 7225 10 91 ex 7226 10 30	Cold-rolled, grain-oriented, flat-rolled products of silicon-electrical steel, of a width of more than 500 mm and of 600 mm or more respectively, of a thickness 0,23 mm or less and a nominal magnetic-reversal loss of 0,8 W/kg, determined in accordance with the Epstein method with a current at 50 Hz and an induction of 1,7 T	Benelux	300	0

[1] OJ No 8, 22. 1. 1964, p. 99/64.
[2] OJ No L 15, 20. 1. 1988, p. 13.

2. Unused amounts of tariff quotas authorized for the abovementioned products for the first half-year 1991 may be imported under suspension af customs duties during the second half-year 1991.

Article 2

1. Member States accorded quotas pursuant to Article 1 shall ensure, in liaison with the Commission, that such quotas are apportioned among third countries on a non-discriminatory basis.

2. They shall take all necessary steps to preclude the possibility of iron and steel products imported under the said tariff quotas being re-consigned to other Member States in the unaltered state.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

It shall apply from 1 July 1991 until 31 December 1991.

Done at Brussels, 29 July 1991.

For the Commission

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Vice-President