COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 230/77

of 2 February 1977

repealing Article 9 of Regulations (EEC) No 3201/76, (EEC) No 3202/76 and (EEC) No 3203/76 as regards the definition of the concept of originating products in connection with the generalized scheme of tariff preferences

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Whereas, in order to implement the provisions concerning the tariff preferences granted by the Community in respect of certain products originating in developing countries, Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3200/76 of 21 December 1976 ([1]) lays down rules of origin concerning both the conditions under which these products acquire the status of originating products and the mode of proof and verification of their status ;

Whereas in order to facilitate the close economic cooperation established under the Association of South East Asian Nations between Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand (hereinafter referred to as 'ASEAN countries'), under the Central America Common Market between Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua (hereinafter referred to as 'CACM countries') and under the Cartagena Agreement between Bolivia, Columbia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela (hereinafter referred to as 'Andean Group countries'), certain amendments have been made to the provisions concerning to the acquisition of the status of originating products in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 3200/76 by Regulations (EEC) No 3201/76 ([2]), (EEC) No 3202/76 ([3]) and (EEC) No 3203/76 ([4]) of 21 December 1976 derogating respectively in respect of ASEAN countries, CACM countries and Andean Group countries from Articles 1, 6 and 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 3200/76 on the definition of the concept of originating products for purposes of the application of tariff preferences granted by the European Economic Community in respect of certain products from developing countries ;

Whereas these Regulations also lay down special rules concerning the proof of originating status and administrative methods ;

Whereas the provisions of Regulations (EEC) No 3201/76, (EEC) No 3202/76 and (EEC) No 3203/76 do not apply to certain cotton textile products ; whereas the application of each of these Regulations should be extended to these products, since each of the countries in the abovementioned regional groupings benefit from the relevant tariff preferences for these products ; whereas it is therefore necessary to repeal Article 9 of Regulations (EEC) No 3201/76, (EEC) No 3202/76 and (EEC) No 3203/76 ;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee on Origin,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Article 9 of Regulations (EEC) No 3201/76, (EEC) No 3202/76 and (EEC) No 3203/76 is hereby repealed.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 2 February 1977.

For the Commission

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([1]) OJ No L 361, 30. 12. 1976, p. 1.
([2]) OJ No L 361, 30. 12. 1976, p. 70.
([3]) OJ No L 361, 30. 12. 1976, p. 73.
([4]) OJ No L 361, 30. 12. 1976, p. 76.