COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 616/77

of 23 March 1977

re-establishing the levying of the customs duties on spoons, forks, fish-eaters, etc. and similar kitchen or tableware, of stainless steel, falling within subheading 82.14 A, originating in Hong Kong to which the preferential tariff arrangements set out in Council Regulation (EEC) No 3021/76 apply

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3021/76 of 13 December 1976 establishing preferential tariffs in respect of certain products originating in developing countries (1), and in particular Article 4 (2) thereof,

Whereas Article 1 (3) and (4) of that Regulation provides that the customs duties may, for each category of products, be suspended up to a Community ceiling, expressed in units of account, which will be equal — with the exception of certain products the value of the ceilings for which is given in Annex A of the Regulation in question — to the sum arrived at by adding together the value of the products in question imported cif into the Community in 1974 and coming from countries and territories covered by those arrangements, but not including products coming from countries and territories already covered by various preferential tariff arrangements established by the Community, and 5 % of the value of 1974 cif imports coming from other countries and from countries and territories already covered by such arrangements ; however the ceiling resulting from the sum of this addition may in no case exceed 172·5 % of that resulting from the substitution of the year 1971 for the year 1974 in the first term of the addition and of the year 1972 for the year 1974 in the second term of the addition ;

Whereas, having regard to that ceiling, the amounts for products originating in any one of the countries or territories listed in Annex B to that Regulation should be within a maximum Community amount representing 50 % of that ceiling, with the exception of certain products for which the maximum amount is to be reduced to the percentage indicated in Annex A to that Regulation ; whereas, for these products, this reduced percentage will be 15 % ;

Whereas Article 2 (2) of that Regulation provides that the levying of customs duties may be re-established at any time in respect of imports of the products in question originating in any of the said countries or territories — with the exception of those listed in Annex C of the same Regulation — once the relevant Community amount has been reached ;

Whereas, in respect of spoons, forks, fish-eaters, etc. and similar kitchen or tableware, of stainless steel, falling within subheading 82.14 A, the ceiling, calculated as indicated above, should be 4 437 000 units of account, and therefore the maximum amount is 665 550 units of account ; whereas on 16 March 1977, the amounts of imports into the Community of spoons, forks, fish-eaters, etc. and similar kitchen or tableware, of stainless steel, falling within subheading 82.14 A, originating in Hong Kong a country covered by preferential tariff arrangements, reached that maximum amount ; whereas, bearing in mind the objectives of Regulation (EEC) No 3021/76 which provides that maximum amounts should not be exceeded, customs duties should be re-established in respect of the products in question in relation to Hong Kong,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

As from 28 March 1977, the levying of customs duties, suspended in pursuance of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3021/76, shall be re-established in respect of the following products, imported into the Community and originating in Hong Kong :

CCT heading No	Description of goods
82.14	Spoons, forks, fish-eaters, butter-knives, ladles, and similar kitchen or tableware : A. Of stainless steel

Article 2

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

(1) OJ No L 349, 20. 12. 1976, p. 23.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 March 1977.

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