COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 819/77
of 22 April 1977
on the statistical threshold in the external trade statistics of the Community and statistics of trade between Member States

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1736/75 of 24 June 1975 on the external trade statistics of the Community and statistics of trade between Member States (1), and in particular Articles 24 (2) and (3) and 41 thereof,

Whereas these statistics are compiled, in the first instance, by the Member States ; whereas the statistical threshold should be expressed in each national currency ;

Whereas pursuant to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3162/76 of 22 December 1976 relating to the statistical threshold in the external trade statistics of the Community and statistics of trade between Member States (2), the conversion into national currencies of the value of the threshold is based on the rates used for the conversion of these currencies into EUR, i.e. into the units of account employed for the compilation of these statistics up to 31 December 1976 ;

Whereas from 1 January 1977 the external trade statistics of the Community and statistics of trade between Member States are to be compiled by reference to the European unit of account (EUA), as defined by Commission Decision No 3289/75/ECSC of 18 December 1975 (3) ;

Whereas the rate of conversion for each currency in relation to the EUA varies from day to day ; whereas the use of this rate to determine the value of the threshold, fixed at 250 units of account, requires the application of a fixed rate of conversion ; whereas this latter rate may be based on the average exchange rates during the period November 1975 to October 1976 ;

Whereas this Regulation could be amended in the case of statistics for years subsequent to 1977 in the event of a significant change in the value of one or more currencies in relation to the EUA ;

Whereas there is a need to round off the amounts so obtained, in the interest of simplification ; whereas, for technical and administrative reasons, it is advisable to allow Member States to keep their national statistical threshold at the level at which it was fixed under Community provisions preceding this Regulation, even though it may be higher than the rounded-off amounts ;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The statistical threshold, within the meaning of Article 24 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1736/75, expressed in national currencies, shall not exceed :

for Germany :	DM	750
for the United Kingdom :	£	150
for France :	FF	1 500
for Italy :	Lit	225 000
for the Netherlands :	Fl	750
for the Belgium-Luxembourg Economic Union :	Bfrs	12 500
for Denmark :	Dkr	1 750
for Ireland :	£	150

Article 2

This Regulation shall apply for the first time to the statistics relating to the data for 1977 and shall to the relevant extent replace Regulation (EEC) No 3162/76.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 April 1977.

For the Commission
François-Xavier ORTOLI
Vice-President

(1) OJ No L 183, 14. 7. 1975, p. 3.
(2) OJ No L 356, 28. 12. 1976, p. 14.
(3) OJ No L 327, 19. 12. 1975, p. 4.