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COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2731/94

of 8 November 1994

re-establishing the levying of the customs duties applicable to products falling within CN code 8509 originating in China, to which the preferential tariff arrangements of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3831/90 apply

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3831/90 of 20 December 1990 [1] applying generalized tariff preferences for 1991 in respect of certain industrial products originating in developing countries, extended for 1994 by Regulation (EC) No 3668/93 of 20 December 1993 [2], and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Whereas, pursuant to Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 3831/90, customs duties on certain products originating in each of the countries or territories listed in Annex III are totally suspended from 1 July 1994 to 31 December 1994, and the products as such are, as a general rule, subject to statistical surveillance every three months on the reference base referred to in Article 8;

Whereas, as provided for in Article 8, where the increase of preferential imports of these products, originating in one or more beneficiary country, threatens to cause economic difficulties in a region of the Community, the levying of customs duties may be re-established once the Commission has had an appropriate exchange of information with the Member States; whereas for this purpose the reference base to be considered is equal, as a general rule, to 6,615 % of the total importations into the Community, originating from third countries in 1988;

Whereas, in the case of the product of the combined nomenclature code and origin indicated in the table below, the reference base is fixed at the levels indicated in that table:

CN code	Origin	Reference base (ECU)
8509	China	8 050 000

Whereas that reference base was reached on 30 August 1994 by charges of imports into the Community of the products in question originating in China; whereas the exchange of information organized by the Commission has demonstrated that continuance of the preference threatens to cause economic difficulties in a region of the Community; whereas, therefore, customs duties must be re-established for the products in question,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

As from 13 November 1994, the levying of customs duties, suspended from 1 July 1994 to 31 December 1994 pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3831/90, shall be re-established on imports into the Community of the products indicated in the table below:

CN code	Description	Origin
8509	Electro-mechanical domestic appliances, with self-contained electric motor:	China

[1] OJ No L 370, 31. 12. 1990, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 338, 31. 12. 1993, p. 22.

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, 8 November 1994.

For the Commission

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