

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 19 December 1974

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

(sixty-sixth derogation)

(75/22/ECSC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, and in particular Articles 2 to 5, 8, 71 and 74 thereof;

Having regard to High Authority recommendation No 1/64<sup>(1)</sup> 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, and in particular Article 3 thereof;

Whereas the European Communities have made an offer within the framework of UNCTAD concerning the granting of tariff preferences for manufactures and semi-manufactures from developing countries; whereas the preferential treatment envisaged by this offer extends in principle to all industrial manufactures and semi-manufactures in Chapters 25 to 99 of the Brussels Nomenclature originating in developing countries; whereas preferential treatment is accorded to imports up to a ceiling calculated in terms of value for each product on a uniform basis for all products; whereas, with a view to limiting the preference given to the more competitive developing countries and reserving a substantial share for the less competitive, preferential imports from any one developing country may not, as a general rule, exceed 50 % of the ceiling fixed for that product;

Whereas, under the terms of the offer in question, annual ceilings are normally calculated on the basis of the value of cif imports in 1971 from countries benefiting from the system, other than those already accorded preferential treatment by the Communities, plus 5 % of the value of cif imports in 1972 from other countries, including those already enjoying such treatment;

Whereas the European Communities have applied these tariff preferences since 1 July 1971;

Whereas this offer of tariff preferences extends to a number of iron and steel products which are covered by the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community and were the subject of High Authority recommendation No 1/64 of 15 January 1964;

Whereas the commercial policy objectives of this offer justify the authorization of a derogation from the obligations arising under Article 1 of the abovementioned recommendation so as to allow the duty-free importation within the limits of the quotas and ceilings specified in Article 1 of this Decision, of iron and steel products originating in the third countries concerned;

Whereas to this end the preferential import possibilities offered by the Communities should be allocated among the Member States in such a way as to ensure equal and continuous access for all Community importers and the uninterrupted application of the preferential rates envisaged to all the imports in question in all Member States until such time as those import possibilities have been exhausted;

Whereas time would be needed to calculate the allocations plus a reserve; whereas this cannot be reconciled with the necessary continuity in the application of the tariff preferences in question; whereas under these circumstances recourse must again be had to the standard scale which was used for the purposes of allocation among the Member States in respect of products covered by the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community; whereas for this new period it should once more be possible to make provision for a single allocation of preferential imports among the Member States;

Whereas the Governments of the Member States have been consulted on the derogation provided for by this Decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

By way of derogation from the obligations arising under Article 1 of High Authority recommendation No 1/64 of 15 January 1964, the Member States are hereby authorized to take by agreement the necessary steps to apply in respect of imports of the iron and steel products listed below originating in the countries and territories set out in the Annex:

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No 8, 22. 1. 1964, p. 99/64.

## 1. For the following products, tariff quotas with a nil rate of duty

CCT heading No	Description of goods	Quota attributed to Member States (in u.a.)
73.08	Iron and steel coils for re-rolling	Germany 3 166 900 Benelux 1 209 180 France 2 188 040 Italy 1 727 400 Denmark 575 800 Ireland 115 160 United Kingdom 2 533 520
73.10	Bars and rods (including wire rod), of iron or steel, hot-rolled, forged, extruded, cold-formed or cold-finished (including precision-made); hollow mining drill steel : A. Not further worked than hot-rolled or extruded D. Clad or surface-worked (for example, polished, coated) : I. Not further worked than clad : a) Hot-rolled or extruded	Germany 1 962 675 Benelux 749 385 France 1 356 030 Italy 1 070 550 Denmark 356 850 Ireland 71 370 United Kingdom 1 570 140
73.13	Sheets and plates, of iron or steel, hot-rolled or cold-rolled : A. 'Electrical' sheets and plates B. Other sheets and plates : I. Not further worked than hot-rolled : II. Not further worked than cold-rolled, of thickness of : b) More than 1 mm but less than 3 mm c) 1 mm or less III. Not further worked than burnished, polished or glazed IV. Clad, coated or otherwise surface-treated : b) Tinned c) Zinc-coated or lead-coated d) Other (for example, copper-plated, artificially oxidized, lacquered, nickel-plated, varnished, clad, parkerized, printed) V. Otherwise shaped or worked : a) Cut into shapes other than rectangular shapes, but not further worked 2. Other	Germany 6 139 100 Benelux 2 344 020 France 4 241 560 Italy 3 348 600 Denmark 1 116 200 Ireland 223 240 United Kingdom 4 911 280

Imports originating in countries and territories already enjoying various preferential regimes granted by the nine ECSC Member States are not to be taken into account in the above tariff quotas.

## 2. For the following products, nil rates of duty

CCT heading No	Description of goods
73.07	<p>Blooms, billets, slabs and sheet bars (including tinplate bars), of iron or steel ; pieces roughly shaped by forging, of iron or steel :</p> <p>A. Blooms and billets :</p> <p>    I. Rolled</p> <p>B. Slabs and sheet bars (including tinplate bars) :</p> <p>    I. Rolled</p>
73.09	Universal plates of iron or steel
73.11 <sup>(1)</sup>	<p>Angles, shapes and sections, of iron or steel, hot-rolled, forged, extruded, cold-formed or cold-finished ; sheet piling of iron or steel, whether or not drilled, punched or made from assembled elements :</p> <p>A. Angles, shapes and sections :</p> <p>    I. Not further worked than hot-rolled or extruded</p> <p>    IV. Clad or surface-worked (for example, polished, coated) :</p> <p>        a) Not further worked than clad :</p> <p>            1. Hot-rolled or extruded</p> <p>B. Sheet piling</p>
73.12	<p>Hoop and strip, of iron or steel, hot-rolled or cold-rolled :</p> <p>A. Not further worked than hot-rolled</p> <p>B. Not further worked than cold-rolled :</p> <p>    I. In coils for the manufacture of tinplate</p> <p>C. Clad, coated or otherwise surface-treated :</p> <p>    III. Tinned :</p> <p>        a) Tinplate</p> <p>    V. Other (for example, copper-plated, artificially oxidized, lacquered, nickel-plated, varnished, clad, parkerized, printed) :</p> <p>        a) Not further worked than clad :</p> <p>            1. Hot-rolled</p>
73.15	<p>Alloy steel and high carbon steel in the forms mentioned in heading Nos 73.06 to 73.14 :</p> <p>A. High carbon steel :</p> <p>    I. Ingots, blooms, billets, slabs and sheet bars :</p> <p>        b) Other :</p> <p>            2. Blooms, billets, slabs and sheet bars</p>

CCT heading No	Description of goods
73.15 (cont'd)	<p>III. Coils for re-rolling</p> <p>IV. Universal plates</p> <p>V. Bars and rods (including wire rod) and hollow mining drill steel ; angles, shapes and sections :</p> <p>b) Not further worked than hot-rolled or extruded</p> <p>d) Clad or surface-worked (for example, polished, coated) :</p> <p>1. Not further worked than clad :</p> <p>aa) Hot-rolled or extruded</p> <p>VI. Hoop and strip :</p> <p>a) Not further worked than hot-rolled</p> <p>c) Clad, coated or otherwise surface-treated :</p> <p>1. Not further worked than clad :</p> <p>aa) Hot-rolled</p> <p>VII. Sheets and plates :</p> <p>a) Not further worked than hot-rolled</p> <p>b) Not further worked than cold-rolled, of a thickness of :</p> <p>2. Less than 3 mm</p> <p>c) Polished, clad, coated or otherwise surface-treated</p> <p>d) Otherwise shaped or worked :</p> <p>1. Cut into shapes other than rectangular shapes, but not further worked</p> <p>B. Alloy steel :</p> <p>I. Ingots, blooms, billets, slabs and sheet bars :</p> <p>b) Other :</p> <p>2. Blooms, billets, slabs and sheet bars</p> <p>III. Coils for re-rolling</p> <p>IV. Universal plates</p> <p>V. Bars and rods (including wire rod) and hollow mining drill steel; angles, shapes and sections :</p> <p>b) Not further worked than hot-rolled or extruded</p> <p>d) Clad or surface-worked (for example, polished, coated) :</p> <p>1. Not further worked than clad :</p> <p>aa) Hot-rolled or extruded</p>

CCT heading No	Description of goods
73.15 ( <i>cont'd</i> )	<p>VI. Hoop and strip :</p> <p>a) Not further worked than hot-rolled</p> <p>c) Clad, coated or otherwise surface-treated :</p> <p>1. Not further worked than clad :</p> <p>aa) Hot-rolled</p> <p>VII. Sheets and plates :</p> <p>a) 'Electrical' sheets and plates</p> <p>b) Other sheets and plates :</p> <p>1. Not further worked than hot-rolled</p> <p>2. Not further worked than cold-rolled, of a thickness of:</p> <p>bb) Less than 3 mm</p> <p>3. Polished, clad, coated or otherwise surface-treated</p> <p>4. Otherwise shaped or worked :</p> <p>aa) Cut into shapes other than rectangular shapes, but not further worked</p>
73.16	<p>Railway and tramway construction material of iron or steel, the following: rails, check-rails, switch blades, crossings (or frogs), crossing pieces, point rods, rack rails, sleepers, fish-plates, chairs, chair wedges, sole plates (base plates), rail clips, bedplates, ties and other material specialized for joining or fixing rails:</p> <p>A. Rails :</p> <p>II. Other</p> <p>B. Check-rails</p> <p>C. Sleepers</p> <p>D. Fish-plates and sole plates :</p> <p>I. Rolled</p>

(<sup>1</sup>) For products falling within this tariff heading, the maximum amount pursuant to Article 2 (2) may in the case of Yugoslavia not exceed 529 800 units of account.

Once imports into the Community as a whole of products originating in beneficiary countries and territories have reached the following ceiling, the Member States may agree to restore duties throughout the Community. The ceiling shall be equal to a figure representing, for each category of product, the value in units of account of cif imports of the products in question into the Community in 1971 from the abovementioned countries and territories, other than those already accorded preferential tariff treatment by the nine Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, plus 5 % of the value of cif imports in 1972 from other countries and from those already enjoying such preferential treatment. Imports already exempt from customs duty under such preferential arrangements shall not be set against this ceiling.

#### Article 2

The Member States, acting in liaison with the Commission, shall see to it that imports into the Community under the tariff preferences provided for in Article 1 from any one of the countries and territories concerned do not exceed a specified fraction of the total quantity which may be imported into the Community under those preferences.

This fraction shall be 50 % for all products with the exception of those of heading No 73.13, for which it shall be 30 %.

#### Article 3

The Member States shall notify the Commission at regular intervals of the quantities imported under the tariff quotas and ceilings provided for in Article 1.

Each Member State shall immediately inform the Commission and the other Member States :

- if imports of a product reach the full amount of the quota or ceiling specified in Article 1 in respect of that product ;
- if imports of products originating in one of the beneficiary countries or territories reach the percentage as specified in Article 2 of the amount of the quota or ceiling specified in Article 1.

#### Article 4

1. This Decision shall be notified to the Governments of the Member States and published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*. It shall enter into force for each government by virtue of its notification.

2. It shall remain in force until 31 December 1975.

Done at Brussels, 19 December 1974.

*For the Commission*

*The President*

François-Xavier ORTOLI

## ANNEX

## LIST OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES ENJOYING GENERALIZED TARIFF PREFERENCES

## INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES

Afghanistan  
Algeria  
Argentina  
Bahamas  
Bahrain  
Bangladesh  
Barbados  
Bhutan  
Bolivia  
Botswana  
Brazil  
Burma  
Burundi  
Cameroon  
Central African Republic  
Chad  
Chile  
Colombia  
Congo, People's Republic of  
Costa Rica  
Cuba  
Cyprus  
Dahomey  
Dominican Republic  
Ecuador  
Egypt, Arab Republic of  
El Salvador  
Equatorial Guinea  
Ethiopia  
Fiji  
Gabon  
Gambia  
Ghana  
Guatemala  
Guinea  
Guyana  
Haiti  
Honduras  
India  
Indonesia  
Iran  
Iraq  
Ivory Coast  
Jamaica  
Jordan  
Kenya  
Khmer Republic  
Korea (South)  
Kuwait  
Laos  
Lebanon  
Lesotho  
Liberia  
Libya  
Malagasy Republic

Malawi  
Malaysia  
Maldives Islands  
Mali  
Mauritania  
Mauritius  
Mexico  
Morocco  
Nauru  
Nepal  
Nicaragua  
Niger  
Nigeria  
Oman  
Pakistan  
Panama  
Paraguay  
Peru  
Philippines  
Qatar  
Rwanda  
Saudi Arabia  
Senegal  
Sierra Leone  
Singapore  
Somalia  
Sri Lanka  
Sudan  
Swaziland  
Syria  
Tanzania  
Thailand  
Togo  
Tonga  
Trinidad and Tobago  
Tunisia  
Uganda  
United Arab Emirates :  
    Abu Dhabi  
    Dubai  
    Ras al Khaimah  
    Fujairah  
    Ajman  
    Sharjah  
    Ummal Qaiwain  
Upper Volta  
Uruguay  
Venezuela  
Vietnam, Republic of  
Western Samoa  
Yemen, People's Democratic Republic of  
Yemen Arab Republic  
Yugoslavia  
Zaire  
Zambia

## COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

dependent or administered, or for whose external relations Member States of the Community or third countries are wholly or partly responsible

Afars and Issas (Territory of the)  
 Angola (including Cabinda)  
 Australian Antarctic Territory  
 Belize  
 Bermuda  
 British Antarctic Territory  
 British Indian Ocean Territory (Aldabra, Farquhar, Chagos Archipelago, Des Roches)  
 British Pacific Ocean <sup>(1)</sup>  
 Brunei  
 Cape Verde Islands  
 Cayman Islands and Dependencies  
 Christmas Island  
 Cocos (Keeling) Islands  
 Comoro Archipelago  
 Cook Islands and Swan Islands  
 Falkland Islands and Dependencies  
 French Polynesia  
 French Southern and Antarctic Territories  
 Gibraltar  
 Heard Island and MacDonald Islands  
 Hong Kong  
 Leeward Islands <sup>(2)</sup>  
 Macao  
 Mozambique  
 Netherlands Antilles  
 New Caledonia and Dependencies  
 Norfolk Islands  
 Pacific Islands administered by the United States of America or under United States trusteeship <sup>(3)</sup>  
 Papua-New Guinea  
 Portuguese Guinea  
 Portuguese Timor  
 St Helena (including Ascension, Gough Island, and Tristan da Cunha)  
 Saint Pierre and Miquelon  
 São Tomé and Príncipe  
 Seychelles (including Amirantes)  
 Sikkim  
 Spanish territories in Africa  
 Surinam  
 Territories for which New Zealand is responsible (Cook Islands, Niue Island, Tokelau Islands and Ross Dependency)  
 Turks and Caicos Islands  
 Virgin Islands of the United States (St Croix, St Thomas, St John, etc.)  
 Wallis and Futuna Islands  
 Windward Islands <sup>(4)</sup>

*Note :* The above lists may be amended subsequently to take account of changes in the international status of countries or territories.

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<sup>(1)</sup> Gilbert and Ellice Islands, British Solomon Islands, New Hebrides, Condominium, and Pitcairn Islands.

<sup>(2)</sup> Antigua, Montserrat, St Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, British Virgin Islands.

<sup>(3)</sup> The Pacific Islands administered by the United States of America include : Guam, American Samoa (including Swain's Island), Midway Islands, Johnston and Sand Islands, Wake Island and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (the Caroline, Marianas and Marshall Islands).

<sup>(4)</sup> Dominica, Grenada, St Lucia, St Vincent.