

## COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 2067/77

of 20 September 1977

concerning the determination of the origin of slide fasteners

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 802/68 of 27 June 1968 concerning the common definition of the concept of the origin of goods<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 14 thereof,

Whereas Article 5 of that Regulation lays down that a product in the production of which two or more countries were concerned shall be regarded as originating in the country in which the last substantial process or operation that is economically justified was performed, having been carried out in an undertaking equipped for the purpose, and resulting in the manufacture of a new product or representing an important stage of manufacture ;

Whereas a slide fastener consists essentially of two parallel tapes, scoops or other interlocking elements, slider and end pieces ; whereas the operation of assembling a slide fastener from its constituent parts neither constitutes a substantial process or operation nor results in the manufacture of a new product or represents an important stage of manufacture within the meaning of Article 5 ;

Whereas the processes or operations which may together be considered as the last substantial process

or operation and which result in the manufacture of a new product or represent an important stage of manufacture, consist of the forming and placing of the scoops or other interlocking elements onto the tapes and the manufacture of the slider by processes such as stamping or moulding ; whereas the manufacture of the end pieces does not constitute a substantial process or operation within the meaning of Article 5 ;

Whereas, in the absence of an opinion from the Committee on Origin, the Commission has not been able to adopt the provisions which it envisages, in accordance with Article 14 (3) (a) of Regulation (EEC) No 802/68 ; whereas the Commission has applied Article 14 (3) (b) and has submitted to the Council a proposal with regard to the provisions to be adopted ;

Whereas, at the end of the period of three months after the Council had been informed, the Council had not adopted the proposition,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

*Article 1*

The products listed under the second column of the table below originate in the country in which the operations listed in the third column took place or in the Community if they took place there.

Products obtained		Working or processing that confers the status of originating products when the following conditions are met
CCT heading No	Description	
1	2	3
ex 98.02	Slide fasteners	Assembly including placing of the scoops or other interlocking elements onto the tapes accompanied by the manufacture of the slider and the forming of the scoops or other interlocking elements

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 45th day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 1.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 September 1977.

*For the Commission*

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