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of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting within the Council, opening Tariff Preferences for Products covered by that Community and originating in Norway

Luxembourg, 25 June 1973

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DECISION(1)

OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL OPENING TARIFF PREFERENCES FOR PRODUCTS COVERED BY THAT COMMUNITY AND ORIGINATING IN NORWAY

The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community,

Whereas the Member States have concluded among themselves the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community⁽²⁾;

Whereas the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway(³) will enter into force on 1 July 1973 providing that the Contracting Parties are notified before that date of the completion of the procedures necessary to that end;

Whereas the Agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Coal and Steel Community, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Norway of the other part(⁴), is subject to the approval of each Contracting Party in accordance with its own procedures;

Anxious to apply autonomously and concomitantly the tariff reductions laid down in that Agreement;

In agreement with the Commission;

HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

1. With effect from the date of entry into force of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway and until 31 December 1973, the duties applicable in the Community as originally constituted and in Ireland to imports of products covered by the European Coal and Steel Community and originating in Norway, with the exception of the product listed in Article 2 (3), shall be reduced to 80%of the basic duty, or levied at the rate of 80% of the basic duty.

2. With effect from 1 January and until 31 December 1974, these duties shall be reduced to 60% of the basic duty, or levied at 60% of the basic duty.

3. During the same period, the United Kingdom and Denmark shall refrain from introducing new customs duties on imports of products covered by the European Coal and Steel Community and originating in Norway.

⁽¹⁾ For texts in the Danish, Dutch, French, German and Italian languages see Official Journal of the European Communities No. L171 of 27 June 1973, available through Agency Section, Her Majesty's Stationery Office, P.O. Box 569, London SEI 9NY. Tel. 01-928 6977, ext. 410.

⁽²⁾ Treaty Series No. 2 (1973), Cmnd. 5189.

⁽³⁾ European Communities No. 3 (1974), Cmnd. 5556.

⁽⁴⁾ Miscellaneous No. 16 (1973), Cmnd. 5347.

4. The basic duties referred to in this Decision shall be those duties actually applied on 1 January 1972.

ARTICLE 2

1. With effect from the date of entry into force of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway until 31 December 1973, the customs duty on imports into the Community as originally constituted and into Ireland, on the product listed in paragraph 3, originating in Norway, shall be reduced to 95% of the basic duties, or levied at the rate of 95% of the basic duties.

2. With effect from 1 January and until 31 December 1974 this duty shall be reduced to 90% of the basic duty, or levied at 90% of the basic duty.

3. The product referred to in paragraph 1 is the following:

Ferro-alloys:

Brussels Nomenclature heading No.

Description

ex 73.02

A. Ferro-manganese:

I. containing more than 2% by weight of carbon (high carbon ferro-manganese)

4. This product may be subject to a ceiling laid down in Article 2 of Protocol No. 1 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway.

Article 3

The provisions laying down the rules of origin for the implementation of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway shall apply to the products to which this Decision refers.

ARTICLE 4

The Member States shall decide by common accord on any contingent protective measures suggested by one or more Member States or by the Commission.

ARTICLE 5

This Decision shall expire on the entry into force of the Agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Coal and Steel Community of the one part and the Kingdom of Norway of the other part, and at the latest on 31 December 1974.

ARTICLE 6

Member States shall adopt all the measures necessary for the implementation of this Decision.

Done at Luxembourg, 25 June 1973.

The President R. VAN ELSLANDE

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