COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

of 10 September 1981

amending 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

(81/772/ECSC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, and in particular Article 74 thereof,

Whereas High Authority recommendation No 1-64 [1], as last amended by recommendation No 1905/78/ECSC [2], required the Member States to increase the protective duty on iron and steel products at the external frontiers of the Community;

Whereas the said recommendation was designed to be fully compatible with constructive participation by the Community in the multilateral trade negotiations held within GATT;

Whereas the representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting within the Council, have approved, by a Decision of 10 December 1979 [3], the Geneva (1979) Protocol resulting from the 1973 to 1979 multilateral trade negotiations in so far as the said Protocol concerns products coming under the ECSC Treaty and duly identified as such in the schedule of Community concessions annexed to the Protocol; whereas such concessions are applicable with effect from 1 January 1982;

Whereas it should be specified in Article 2 of the abovementioned recommendation that the provision in question also applies to obligations resulting from the Geneva (1979) Protocol or from other tariff agreements concluded within GATT,

HAS ADOPTED THIS RECOMMENDATION:

Article 2

Article 2 (1) of recommendation No 1-64 is hereby replaced by the following:

'1. This recommendation shall not apply where, in respect of specific tariff headings, it would entail disregard of the bound tariff concessions accorded to Contracting Parties to the GATT, including obligations resulting from tariff agreements concluded within the framework of the GATT by the Community or its Member States acting in agreement'.

Article 2

This recommendation is addressed to the Member States.

It shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

Done at Brussels, 10 September 1981.

For the Commission

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Vice-President

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(1) OJ No 8, 22. 1. 1964, p. 99/64.
(2) OJ No L 217, 8. 9. 1978, p. 5.
(3) OJ No L 71, 17. 3. 1980, p. 179.