DECISION

of 22 March 1973

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 Portugal

(73/64/ECSC)

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;

Whereas the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic [1] entered into force on 1 January 1973;

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 Portuguese Republic of the other part is subject to the approval by each Contracting Party in accordance with its own procedures;

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

In agreement with the Commission;

HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. With effect from 1 April 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 Portugal, shall be reduced to 80 % of the basic duty, or levied at the rate of 80 % of the basic duty.

2. During this same period, the United Kingdom and Denmark shall not introduce any new customs duties on imports of products covered by the European Coal and Steel Community, and originating in Portugal.

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

Article 2

The provisions laying down the rules of origin for the implementation of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic, which entered into force on 1 January 1973, shall apply to the products to which this Decision refers.

Article 3

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 4

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 Portuguese Republic, of the other part, and at the latest on 31 December 1973.

Article 5

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

Done at Brussels, 22 March 1973.

The President
W. DE CLERCQ

[1] OJ No L 301, 31. 12. 1972, p. 165.