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 Austria

(73/63/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 Republic of Austria [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 Republic of Austria of the other part is subject to 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. From 1 April until 31 December 1973 on imports of products covered by the European Coal and Steel Community and originating in Austria, with the exception of the products listed in Article 2 (2):

— the duties applicable in the Community as originally constituted shall be reduced to 70 % of the basic duty or levied at the rate of 70 % of the basic duty;

— the duties applicable in Ireland 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 Austria.

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

Article 2

1. With effect from the same date and for the same period, the customs duties on imports into the Community as originally constituted and into Ireland of the products listed in paragraph 2, and originating in Austria, shall be reduced to 95 % of the basic duties, or levied at the rate of 95 % of the basic duties.

2. The products referred to in paragraph 1 are the following:

Brussels Nomenclature heading No	Description
ex 73.15	Alloy steel and high-carbon steel in th forms mentioned in headings Nos 73.0 to 73.14 inclusive, covered by the ECSC Treaty

3. These products shall be subject to the ceilings laid down in Annex C to Protocol No 1 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria.

Article 3

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

[1] OJ No L 300, 31. 12. 1972, p. 2.

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

Article 6

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