

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 23 March 1990

authorizing the Netherlands not to take into account certain categories of transactions and to use certain approximate estimates for the calculation of the VAT own resources base

(Only the Dutch text is authentic)

(90/180/Euratom, EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom) No 1553/89 of 29 May 1989 on the definitive uniform arrangements for the collection of own resources accruing from value added tax<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 13 thereof,

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 2892/77 of 19 December 1977 implementing in respect of own resources accruing from value added tax the Decision of 21 April 1970 on the replacement of financial contributions from Member States by the Communities' own resources<sup>(2)</sup> ceased to be applicable on 31 December 1988; whereas the authorizations given under Article 13 thereof must be renewed from 1 January 1989 pursuant to Article 13 of Regulation (EEC, Euratom) No 1553/89;

Whereas, under Article 28 (3) of the Sixth Council Directive 77/388/EEC of 17 May 1977 on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States relating to turnover taxes — Common system of value added tax: uniform basis of assessment<sup>(3)</sup>, hereinafter called 'the Sixth Directive', as last amended by Directive 84/386/EEC<sup>(4)</sup>, the Member States may continue to exempt or tax certain transactions; whereas these transactions must be taken into account for the determination of the VAT resources base;

Whereas the Netherlands is unable to make a precise calculation of the VAT own resources base for two categories of transactions listed in Annex F to the Sixth Directive; whereas such calculation is likely to involve an unjustified administrative burden in relation to the effect of these transactions on the Netherlands' total VAT resources base; whereas the Netherlands should therefore be authorized not to take these transactions into account for the calculation of the VAT base;

Whereas the Netherlands is able to make a calculation using approximate estimates for six categories of transac-

tions listed in Annex F to the Sixth Directive; whereas it should therefore be authorized to calculate the VAT base using approximate estimates;

Whereas the Advisory Committee on Own Resources has approved the report recording the opinions of its members on this Decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

For the purpose of calculating the VAT own resources base from 1 January 1989, the Netherlands is authorized not to take into account the following categories of transactions referred to in Annex F to the Sixth Directive:

1. Services supplied by authors, artists, performers, lawyers and other members of the professions, other than the medical and paramedical professions, in so far as these are not services specified in Annex B to the Second Council Directive 67/228/EEC<sup>(5)</sup>. Services supplied by writers, composers, journalists and press photographers (Annex F, ex point 2);
2. Transactions carried out by blind persons or workshops for the blind, provided these exemptions do not give rise to significant distortion of competition (Annex F, point 7).

*Article 2*

For the purpose of calculating the VAT own resources base from 1 January 1989, the Netherlands is authorized to use approximate estimates in respect of the following categories of transactions referred to in Annex F to the Sixth Directive;

1. Services supplied by notaries and bailiffs (Annex F, ex point 2);
2. Services supplied by undertakers and cremation services, together with the supply of goods related thereto (Annex F, point 6);

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 155, 7. 6. 1989, p. 9.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 336, 27. 12. 1977, p. 8.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 145, 13. 6. 1977, p. 1.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No L 208, 3. 9. 1984, p. 58.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ No 71, 14. 4. 1967, p. 1303/67.

3. Treatment of animals by veterinary surgeons (Annex F, point 9);
4. Services of exports in connection with insurance claim assessments (Annex F, point 11);
5. The transport by ferry-boat of passengers and goods accompanying passengers (Annex F, ex point 17);
6. The services of travel agents referred to in Article 26 of the Sixth Directive, and those of travel agents acting in the name and on account of the traveller for journeys within the Community (Annex F, point 27).

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Done at Brussels, 23 March 1990.

*For the Commission*

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*Member of the Commission*