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"Ralph" <nt_consulting64@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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Actually you're asking MS to sell Vista to you for less than it retails for in the US.

Rubbish! They sell it in the US for about \$330 and they sell it in the UK for about \$695!!! That price difference would require duties of 110%, which is of course totally and utterly incorrect.

The EU sets up custom duties for a vast categories of products. Any where from 0 to 85%. I haven't been able to discover the exact category "Vista" falls in . . .

It is patently obvious that you have not been able to discover the exact category, because your guess is wildly inaccurate! The total of the US export and UK import duties for a copy of Microsoft Windows, according to Microsoft themselves, is zero, although there is 17.5% VAT to be paid at this end at the retail side.

but it is obviously high.

Pardon? Where on earth did that come from? It is not high at all, and it is certainly not "obviously high". How something which is not actually true can be "obvious" to you, without any evidence at all to back up your claim, is mind boggling! You seem to have a very strange and unusually weird reasoning ability. How did something which you have not checked and for which you have provided no valid data at all become "obvious" to you?

Duty is based on Cost PLUS Insurance PLUS Freight (CIF)

And exactly how much do you think the cost of duty and handling plus freight is going to be from the Micro\$oft pressing and packaging plant in Ireland to my own home in England, about fifty miles away as the crow flies! Wake up, man!

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Besides, I've already covered that in the previous thread which dealt with this matter. The TOTAL COST of handling and packaging and freight and insurance EVEN FROM AMERICA TO THE UK is