COMMISSION DECISION

of 12 October 1973

authorizing the French Republic not to apply Community treatment to toys of wood and other (except motors and movement mechanisms for toys and working models of a kind used for recreational purposes, and parts thereof) falling within heading No 97.03 A and ex B of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Hong Kong and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the French text is authentic)

(73/376/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and in particular the first paragraph of Article 115 thereof;

Having regard to the application under the first paragraph of Article 115 of the Treaty made on 8 October 1973 by the French Government to the Commission by telex from the office of its Permanent Representative to the European Communities, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to toys of wood and other (except motors and movement mechanisms for toys and working models of a kind used for recreational purposes and parts thereof) falling within heading No 97.03 A and ex B of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Hong Kong and in free circulation in the other Member States;

Whereas differences in the measures of commercial policy taken in connection with these products by France and by the other Member States as regards Hong Kong are giving rise to deflection of trade;

Whereas this deflection of trade is preventing the execution of measures of commercial policy taken by France as regards Hong Kong;

Whereas it is not possible at the present time to set in motion the machinery for bringing about the necessary cooperation from the other Member States;

Whereas authorization should be given, for a limited period, for the application of protective measures, under the first paragraph of Article 115, subject to the conditions laid down by the Commission Decision of 12 May 1971 [1], and in particular Article 1 thereof,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The French Government is authorized not to apply Community treatment to imports of the following products, where they originate in Hong Kong and are in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 25 September 1973.

CCT heading No	Description
97.03	Other toys; models of a kind used for recreational purposes
A	— of wood
ex B	— other (except motors and movement mechanisms for toys and working models of a kind used for recreational purposes, and parts thereof)

Article 2

This Decision shall apply up to the date when new import possibilities will open up for Hong Kong for the products in question and in any event not later than 30 June 1974.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 12 October 1973.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

[1] OJ No L 121, 3. 6. 1971, p. 26.