COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 14 February 1975

authorizing the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands not to apply Community treatment to tea towels and glass cloths of a mixture of cotton and flax, falling within subheading ex 62.02 B of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Romania and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the French and Dutch texts are authentic)

(75/446/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 6 February 1975 by the Governments of the Benelux countries to the Commission by telex from the office of the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Belgium to the European Communities, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to tea towels and glass cloths of a mixture of cotton and flax, falling within subheading ex 62.02 B of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Romania and in free circulation in the other Member States;

Whereas, this application is based on an application for authorization to import tea towels and glass cloths of a mixture of cotton and flax, originating in Romania and in free circulation in France; whereas these products are imported into all Member States subject to the quantitative quotas provided for in the Council Decision of 2 December 1974 [1] laying down the import arrangements applicable to imports from State-trading countries, including Romania;

Whereas the quota of the products concerned opened by the Benelux countries in respect of Romania is valued at Bfrs 750 000 and is already exhausted; whereas the quota opened by France in respect of Romania is FF 238 000 (that is to say Bfrs 1 980 000 at the present rate of exchange);

Whereas, according to information supplied by the Benelux Governments, there are serious economic difficulties in the weaving and clothes manufacturing industries which are evidenced by a reduction in orders, an increase in stocks and a considerable fall in production resulting in unemployment in several factories;

Whereas, in view of the large number of applications for import licences lodged with the Benelux authorities, imports of the products concerned originating in Romania and in free circulation in France are likely to aggravate these difficulties;

Whereas the machinery for bringing about the necessary cooperation from the French Republic cannot be set in motion with sufficient speed;

Whereas, in these circumstances, authorization should be given for the application of protective measures as provided in the first paragraph of Article 115 subject to the conditions laid down in the Commission Decision of 12 May 1971 [2], and in particular Article 1 thereof,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands

(1) OJ No L 358, 31. 12. 1974, p. 1.

(2) OJ No L 121, 3. 6. 1971, p. 26.

are authorized not to apply Community treatment to imports of tea towels and glass cloths of a mixture of cotton and flax, falling within subheading ex 62.02 B of the Common Custom Tariff, originating in Romania and in free circulation in other Member States in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 30 January 1975.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until 31 December 1975.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Done at Brussels, 14 February 1975.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI