COMMISSION DECISION

of 14 May 1975

authorizing the Republic of France not to apply Community treatment to knitted or crocheted goods of textiles other than cotton, falling within heading Nos ex 60.02, ex 60.04 and ex 60.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Hong Kong and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the French text is authentic)

(75/469/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 7 May 1975 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 knitted or crocheted goods of textiles other than cotton, falling within heading Nos ex 6.02, ex 60.04 and ex 60.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Hong Kong and in free circulation in the other Member States;

Whereas since the application of Article 115 the importation into France of the product in question originating in Hong Kong is subject to an annual quota of 460 000 FF which is wholly taken up;

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 the abovementioned measures of commercial policy currently being 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 in order to ensure that the implementation of the abovementioned commercial policy measures is not obstructed, 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 Republic of France 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 24 April 1975:

CCT heading No	Description
ex 60.02	Gloves, mittens and mitts, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized
ex 60.04	Under garments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized
ex 60.05	Outer garments and other articles, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until the opening of new import possibilities of the product in question into France from Hong Kong and in any case not later than 31 December 1975.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of France.

Done at Brussels, 14 May 1975.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

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