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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 15 May 1975

authorizing the French Republic not to apply Community treatment to natural honey falling within heading No 04.06 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Czechoslovakia and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the French text is authentic)

(75/495/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 natural honey falling within heading No 04.06 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Czechoslovakia and in free circulation in the other Member States;

Whereas, for the product in question, France has, in accordance with the Council Decision of 2 December 1974 [1], modified by the Decision of 27 March 1975 [2], opened in respect of Czechoslovakia an annual quota of FF 200 000, whereas in the Federal Republic of Germany imports of these products originating in the same country are free;

Whereas, according to information supplied by the French Government, there are serious economic difficulties in the sector in question;

Whereas indirect importation of the products in question is likely to aggravate these economic difficulties;

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

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 [3], 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 natural honey falling within heading No 04.06 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Czechoslovakia and in free circulation in the other Member States, in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 24 April 1975.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until the French Republic opens new possibilities for importation from Czechoslovakia of the product in question or until the date of entry into force of an eventual common import regulation for the same product and, in any case, not later than 31 December 1975.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 15 May 1975.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

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[1] OJ No L 358, 31. 12. 1974, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 99, 21. 4. 1975, p. 1.
[3] OJ No L 121, 3. 6. 1971, p. 26.