COMMISSION DECISION

of 19 June 1975

authorizing the Italian Republic not to apply Community treatment to footwear with outer soles of leather or composition leather ; footwear (other than footwear falling within heading No 64.01) with outer soles of rubber or artificial plastic material falling within heading No 64.02 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the Chinese People's Republic and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(75/496/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 11 June 1975 by the Government of the Italian Republic to the Commission by telex from the office of its Permanent Representative to the European Communities, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to footwear with outer soles of leather or composition leather ; footwear (other than footwear falling within heading No 64.01) with outer soles of rubber or artificial plastic material falling within heading No 64.02 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the Chinese People's Republic and in free circulation in the other Member States ;

Whereas for the products in question Italy 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 the Chinese People's Republic an annual quota of Lit 120 000 000, while in France imports of these products originating in the same country are free ;

Whereas, according to information supplied by the Italian 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 French Republic 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 Italian Republic is authorized not to apply Community treatment to imports of the following products, where they originate in the Chinese People's Republic and are in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 2 June 1975 :

CCT heading No	Description of goods
64.02	Footwear with outer soles of leather or composition leather ; footwear (other than footwear falling within heading No 64.01) with outer soles of rubber or artificial plastic material : A. Footwear with uppers of leather B. Other

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until the Italian Republic opens new possibilities for importation from the Chinese People's Republic of the product in question and in any case not later than 31 December 1975.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 19 June 1975.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

(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.