COMMISSION DECISION

of 13 January 1975

authorizing France to apply protective measures to live sheep falling within subheading 01.04 A I b) of the Common Customs Tariff and mutton and lamb falling within subheading 02.01 A ex IV of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in third countries and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the French text is authentic)

(75/55/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 request made by France to the Commission on 24 December 1974 by telex from its permanent representative to the European Communities, for authorization to apply protective measures in respect of live sheep falling within subheading 01.04 A I b) of the Common Customs Tariff and mutton and lamb falling within subheading 02.01 A ex IV of the Common Customs Tariff originating in third countries 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 on the one hand and by the other Member States on the other as regards third countries 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 third countries ;

Whereas it is not possible at the present time to set into 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,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The French Republic is authorized to apply to imports of live sheep falling within subheading 01.04 A I b) of the Common Customs Tariff and mutton and lamb falling within subheading 02.01 A ex IV of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in third countries and in free circulation in the other Member States, the non-tariff treatment applied by it to the same goods originating in and coming from third countries.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until the entry into force of a Council Regulation on the establishment of a common organization of the market for the products in question and, in any event, not later than 31 December 1975.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 13 January 1975.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI