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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 18 July 1975

authorizing the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands not to apply Community treatment to boys' and men's leather footwear falling within subheading ex 64.02 A of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Romania and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the Dutch and French texts are authentic)

(75/661/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 10 July 1975 by the Governments of the Benelux countries 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 boys' and men's leather footwear falling within subheading ex 64.02 A of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Romania and in free circulation in the other Member States;

Whereas the Benelux countries, in accordance with the Council Decision of 2 December 1974 [1], as amended by the Decision of 27 March 1975 [2], have opened in respect of Romania an annual quota of 408 000 pairs for the products in question, while imports of these products from the said third country into the Federal Republic of Germany are limited to an annual quota of DM 15 000 000;

Whereas, according to the information supplied by the Governments of the Benelux countries, the sector in question is experiencing serious economic difficulties;

Whereas it is not possible at short notice to set in motion the machinery for securing the requisite cooperation of the Federal Republic of Germany;

Whereas authorization should accordingly be given 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 Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands are authorized not to apply Community treatment to imports of men's and boys' footwear falling within subheading ex 64.02 A of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Romania and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 2 July 1975.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until such time as there are new openings in the Benelux countries for imports of the products in question from Romania or until 31 December 1975, whichever is the earlier.

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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.

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, 18 July 1975.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI