COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 July 1975

authorizing the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands not to apply Community treatment to electric motors falling within heading No ex 85.01 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Bulgaria and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the Dutch and French texts are authentic)

(75/662/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 23 July 1975 by the Governments of the Benelux countries by telex from the Office of the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the European Communities, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to electric motors falling within heading No ex 85.01 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Bulgaria, 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 Bulgaria an annual quota of Fl 548 550 for the products in question, while the Federal Republic of Germany places no restrictions on imports of these products from the said third country;

Whereas, according to the information supplied by the Governments of the Benelux countries, the sector in question is experiencing serious economic difficulties due largely to unequal conditions of competition *vis-à-vis* certain countries *(inter alia* Bulgaria) which enable the latter to export at lower prices than those of Benelux producers;

Whereas these economic difficulties are causing production to drop considerably, resulting in unemployment in many factories and a stready decrease in the number of workers employed in the sector;

Whereas the indirect imports in question are likely, when added to those already carried out, to aggravate these 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 electric motors falling within heading No ex 85.01 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Bulgaria and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 13 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 Bulgaria until 31 December 1975, whichever is the earlier.

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, 29 July 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.