COMMISSION DECISION

of 30 July 1975

authorizing the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands not to apply Community treatment to imports of printed woven fabrics of man-made fibres (discontinuous or waste) and printed woven fabrics of cotton of a weight not exceeding 130 g/m² falling within subheading 56.07 ex A II or 55.09 ex A II of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the People's Republic of China and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the Dutch and French texts are authentic)

(75/663/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 24 July 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 printed woven fabrics of man-made fibres (discontinuous or waste) and printed woven fabrics of cotton of a weight not exceeding 130 g/m² falling within subheading 56.07 ex A II or 55.09 ex A II of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the People's Republic of China and in free circulation in the other Member States;

Whereas there is no provision for the importation of the products in question from the People's Republic of China into the Benelux countries in the context of the import arrangements established by the Council Decision of 2 December 1974 (1), as amended by the Decision of 27 March 1975 (2);

Whereas, according to the information supplied by the Governments of the Benelux countries, the textile industry is experiencing serious economic difficulties due largely to unequal conditions of competition *vis-à-vis* certain countries (*inter alia* the People's Republic of China) 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 steady decrease in the number of workers employed in the industry;

Whereas it is not possible at short notice to set in motion the machinery for securing the requisite cooperation of the other Member States;

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 printed woven fabrics of man-made fibres (discontinuous or waste) and printed woven fabrics of cotton of a weight not exceeding 130 g/m² falling within subheading 56.07 ex A II or 55.09 ex A II, originating in the People's Republic of China, for 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 the People's Republic of China or until 31 December 1975, whichever is the earlier.

(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, 30 July 1975.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI