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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 17 October 1975

authorizing the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands not to apply Community treatment to unworked drawn or blown glass in rectangles having a thickness of 4 mm or less, falling within heading No ex 70.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the USSR and in free circulation in the Federal Republic of Germany

(Only the Dutch and French texts are authentic)

(75/701/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 October 1975 by the governments of the Benelux countries to the Commission of the European Communities by telex from the Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the European Communities for authorization not to apply Community treatment to unworked drawn or blown glass in rectangles having a thickness of 4 mm or less, falling within heading No ex 70.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the USSR and in free circulation in the other Member States;

Whereas, as regards the products in question, the Benelux countries have opened no quota for the USSR whereas in the Federal Republic of Germany imports of such products from that third country have been liberalized;

Whereas the Commission is aware that the glass industry in the Benelux countries is currently experiencing severe economic difficulties;

Whereas these economic difficulties are evidenced by a reduction in the use of the production capacity of the industry concerned resulting in unemployment in several factories and by a steady reduction in the number of workers employed in this sector;

Whereas the indirect imports in question are liable to exacerbate the current economic difficulties;

Whereas it is not possible to rapidly establish machinery for bringing about the necessary cooperation from the Federal Republic of Germany;

Whereas in these circumstances authorization should be given for the application of protective measures as provided for in the first paragraph of Article 115 subject to the conditions laid down in the Commission Decision of 12 May 1971 [1], and in particular Article 1 thereof,

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[1] OJ No L 121, 3. 6. 1971, p. 26.

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 unworked drawn or blown glass in rectangles having a thickness of 4 mm or less, falling within heading No ex 70.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the USSR and in free circulation in the Federal Republic of Germany in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged on 30 September 1975.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Done at Brussels, 17 October 1975.

For the Commission

The Vice-President

Christopher SOAMES