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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 12 June 1975

authorizing the Italian Republic not to apply Community treatment to bed linen, table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen, curtains and other furnishing articles falling within heading No 62.02 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the People's Republic of China and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(75/718/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 4 June 1975 by the Italian Government by telex from the Office of the country's Permanent Representative to the European Communities, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to bed linen, table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen, curtains and other furnishing articles falling within heading No 62.02 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the People's Republic of China and in free circulation in the other Member States;

Whereas Italy, in accordance with the Council Decision of 2 December 1974 [1], as amended by the Council Decision of 27 March 1975 [2], has opened in respect of the People's Republic of China an annual quota of Lit 1 200 million (the whole of which is currently being distributed) for the products in question, while the Netherlands places no restrictions on imports of these products from the said third country;

Whereas, according to the information supplied by the Italian Government, the sector in question is experiencing serious economic difficulties taking the form of a considerable drop in production with resultant unemployment in many factories;

Whereas indirect imports of the products in question are likely 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 Netherlands;

Whereas authorization should accordingly be given for the application of protective measures under the first paragraph of Article 115 of the Treaty, 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 Italian Republic is authorized not to apply Community treatment to imports of of bed linen, table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen, curtains and other furnishing articles falling within heading No 62.02 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating

(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.

in the People's Republic of China and in free circulation in the other Member States and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 25 May 1975.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until such time as there are new openings in the Italian Republic for imports of the products in question from the People's Republic of China or until 31 December 1975, whichever is the earlier.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 12 June 1975.

For the Commission

The President

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