COMMISSION DECISION

of 8 December 1975

authorizing the Italian Republic not to apply Community treatment to woven fabrics of cotton other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, unbleached, falling within heading No ex 55.09 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the Republic of Korea and Taiwan and in free circulation in the Benelux countries and the Federal Republic of Germany

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(76/246/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 28 November 1975 by the Italian Government to the Commission by telex from the Office of its Permanent Representative to the European Communities, for authorization to apply protective measures to imports of certain cotton products falling within heading No ex 55.09 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the Republic of Korea and Taiwan and in free circulation in the Benelux countries (in particular the Netherlands) and the Federal Republic of Germany,

Whereas the products in question originating in the Republic of Korea continue to be imported into the Community under the voluntary restraint arrangements defined in the Agreement concluded with that third country on 29 March 1971 [1], which expired in 1973, within the limits of the ceilings specified in the Agreement, increased in accordance with the provisions of the new arrangement concerning international trade in textiles;

Whereas imports into the Community of such products originating in Taiwan are subject to a Community quota established by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1783/75 of 10 July 1975 [2] and allocated among the Member States by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1849/75 of 18 July 1975 [3];

Whereas, since it was not possible to achieve full alignment of the import arrangements previously applied in the Member States, there are disparities in the conditions governing the importation of the products in question, originating in the abovementioned third countries, into the various markets within the Community;

Whereas these disparities have caused in Italy a flow of imports of the products in question, originating in the Republic of Korea and Taiwan and in free circulation in the Benelux countries and the Federal Republic of Germany, which threatens to continue and to grow;

Whereas according to information supplied by the Italian Government there are serious economic difficulties in the branch of the textile industry in question resulting in a progressive decline of production leading to unemployment in a number of factories;

Whereas the indirect imports in question, which would be in addition to those already effected in the current year, would be likely to aggravate these economic difficulties;

Whereas it is not possible at the present time to set in motion the machinery for bringing about the necessary cooperation from the Netherlands and the other Benelux countries and the Federal Republic of Germany;

Whereas authorization should accordingly be given, for a limited period, for the application of protective measures, under the first paragraph of Article 115,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Italian Republic is authorized not to apply Community treatment to imports of the following product:

CCT heading No	Description of goods
ex 55.09	Woven fabrics of cotton other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, unbleached

where they originate in the Republic of Korea or Taiwan and are in free circulation in the Benelux countries and the Federal Republic of Germany, and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 19 November 1975.

[1] OJ No L 55, 8. 3. 1971, p. 12.
[2] OJ No L 182, 12. 7. 1975, p. 2.
[3] OJ No L 189, 21. 7. 1975, p. 24.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until 31 December 1975.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 8 December 1975.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission