COMMISSION DECISION

of 4 November 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 toilet linen and kitchen linen of cotton falling within subheading 62.02 ex B, originating in the People's Republic of China and in free circulation in the Federal Republic of Germany

(Only the French and Dutch texts are authentic)

(76/39/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 27 October 1975 by the Governments of the Benelux countries to the Commission 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 toilet linen and kitchen linen of cotton, falling within subheading 62.02 ex B of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the People's Republic of China and in free circulation in the Federal Republic of Germany,

Whereas there are no opportunities for the importation into the Benelux countries of the products in question from the People's Republic of China, and whereas imports of these products from the same third country into the Federal Republic of Germany are liberalized;

Whereas, according to information available to the Commission, the prices of the imports in question are approximately 50 % lower than corresponding prices charged on the market in the Benelux countries;

Whereas, according to information supplied by the Governments of the Benelux countries, the textile industry is facing serious economic difficulties resulting in a considerable drop in production leading to unemployment in a number of factories and a constant reduction of the number of workers employed in the sector in question;

Whereas low-priced imports of the products in question are likely to aggravate these economic difficulties;

Whereas it is not possible at the present time to set in motion rapidly the machinery for bringing about the necessary cooperation from 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 [1], 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 toilet linen and kitchen linen of cotton falling within subheading 62.02 ex B of the Common Customs Tariff, where they originate in the People's Republic of China and are in free circulation in the Federal Republic of Germany and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 16 October 1975.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until new opportunities arise in the Benelux countries for the importation of the products in question from the People's Republic of China and in any case not later than 31 December 1975.

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, 4 November 1975.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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