COMMISSION DECISION

of 26 November 1975

authorizing the French Republic not to apply Community treatment to jerseys, pullovers, slip-overs, twinsets, cardigans, bed-jackets and jumpers falling within heading No 60.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Taiwan and in free circulation in the Benelux countries

(Only the French text is authentic)

(76/50/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 19 November 1975 by the French Government to the Commission by telex from the Office of its Permanent Representative to the European Communities, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to jerseys, pullovers, slip-overs, twinsets, cardigans, bed-jackets and jumpers falling within heading No 60.05 of the Common Customs Tariff originating in Taiwan and in free circulation in the Benelux countries, specifically Belgium,

Whereas imports into the Community of the products in question originating in Taiwan are subject to a Community quantitative quota established by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1783/75 of 10 July 1975 on rules for imports of certain textile products originating in Taiwan [1];

Whereas this quota is administered by allocation among the Member States, as determined by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1849/75 of 18 July 1975 allocating quantitative quotas in respect of imports into the Community of certain textile products originating in Taiwan [2]; whereas the quota shares allocated for 1975 to France and the Benelux countries are 105 000 and 7 640 000 items respectively;

Whereas, since it was not possible when the Community quota was opened to achieve full alignment of the import arrangements previously applied in the Member States, the above Regulation (EEC) No 1783/75 provides, as a temporary measure, for a derogation from the principle of equal and continuous access for all Community importers to Community quotas by stipulating that the quota in question be allocated initially on the basis of the volumes of imports previously admitted into the various Member States and need by adjusted only progressively to the supply requirements of the markets;

Whereas for this reason the allocation of the quota in question still involves certain disparities in the quota shares fixed for the various Member States in relation to the supply requirements of the markets concerned;

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

Whereas according to information supplied by the French Government there are serious economic difficulties in the sector that manufactures the products in question resulting in a progressive decline of production and a constant reduction of the number of workers employed in that sector;

Whereas these economic difficulties are caused largely by unequal conditions of competition with certain countries (including Taiwan), whereby such countries are enabled to export at prices lower than those of French producers;

Whereas the indirect imports in question, which would be in addition to those already effected, 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 Belgium and the other Benelux countries;

Whereas authorization should accordingly be given, for a limited period, 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,

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[1] OJ No L 182, 12. 7. 1975, p. 2.
[2] OJ No L 189, 21. 7. 1975, p. 24.
[3] OJ No L 121, 3. 6. 1971, p. 26.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

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

CCT heading No	Description of goods
60.05	Outer garments and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized : pullovers, jerseys, slip-overs, twinsets, cardigans, bed-jackets and jumpers

where they originate in Taiwan and are in free circulation in the Benelux countries, and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 9 November 1975.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until new opportunities arise in France for the importation of the products in question from Taiwan and in any case not later than 31 December 1975.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 26 November 1975.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission