COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 April 1976

authorizing the Italian Republic not to apply Community treatment to unbleached woven fabrics of cotton, other than cotton gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, falling within heading No ex 55.09 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)

(76/529/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 12 April 1976 by the Italian 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 unbleached woven fabrics of cotton, other than cotton gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, falling within heading No ex 55.09 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the People's Republic of China and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas for the woven fabrics of cotton in question, Italy in accordance with the Council Decision of 18 December 1975 [1], has opened in respect of the People's Republic of China an annual quota of 400 metric tons, much of which has already been used up ;

Whereas, according to information supplied by the Italian Government, there are serious economic difficulties in the weaving sector, resulting in fewer orders, an increase in stocks and a considerable drop in production, leading to unemployment in a number of factories ;

Whereas indirect imports of the products in question are likely to aggravate these economic difficulties, particularly in view of the abnormally low price at which they would be effected ;

Whereas it is not possible to set in motion rapidly the machinery for bringing about the necessary cooperation from the other Member States ;

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 [2], 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 unbleached woven fabrics of cotton, other than cotton gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, falling within heading No ex 55.09 of the Common Customs Tariff, where they originate in the People's Republic of China and are in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 5 April 1976.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until 31 December 1976.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 20 April 1976.

For the Commission

Christopher SOAMES

Vice-President

[1] OJ No L 332, 29. 12. 1975, p. 3.

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