COMMISSION DECISION

of 27 April 1976

authorizing the Italian Republic not to apply Community treatment to woven fabrics of silk, unbleached, falling within heading No ex 50.09 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)

(76/531/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 14 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 woven fabrics of silk, unbleached, falling within heading No ex 50.09 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the People's Republic of China and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas there are no opportunities for the importation into Italy of the woven fabrics of silk in question from the People's Republic of China, except for imports effected under inward processing arrangements, in accordance with the Council Decision of 18 December 1975 [1];

Whereas, according to information supplied by the Italian Government, the Italian silk industry is facing serious economic difficulties;

Whereas the indirect imports 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 other Member States;

Whereas authorization should accordingly by 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 woven fabrics of silk, unbleached, falling within heading No ex 50.09 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 7 April 1976.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until new opportunities arise in Italy for the importation of the products in question from the People's Republic of China and in any case not later that 31 December 1976.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 27 April 1976.

For the Commission

Christopher SOAMES

Vice-President

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

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