COMMISSION DECISION

of 25 May 1976

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 Islamic Republic of Pakistan and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(76/607/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 18 May 1976 by the Government of the Italian Republic 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 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 Pakistan and in free circulation in the Federal Republic of Germany and in the Netherlands,

Whereas the importation into the Community of the products in question originating in Pakistan is the subject of an Agreement negotiated between the Community and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan signed on 10 November 1975;

Whereas, under the Agreement, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan has undertaken to take all necessary steps to limit its exports of certain textile products to the Community to certain ceilings allocated among the Member States;

Whereas, for the products in question in particular, the quota share allocated to Italy for 1976, which includes bleached woven fabrics of cotton, is 2 049 metric tons;

Whereas serious economic difficulties exist in the sector of the textile industry in question, which manifest themselves particularly in a high rate of unemployment;

Whereas, in these conditions, these economic difficulties may be aggravated by indirect imports being added to those already effected;

Whereas it is not possible at the moment to bring into effect methods by which the Federal Republic of Germany, the Netherlands and the other Member States could provide the necessary cooperation;

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 specified in the Commission Decision of 12 May 1971 [1], 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 the following products:

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 Islamic Republic of Pakistan and are in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 6 May 1976.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until new opportunities arise in the Italian Republic for the importation of the products in question from the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and in any case not later than 31 December 1976.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 25 May 1976.

For the Commission

Christopher SOAMES

Vice-President

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