COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 31 March 1976

authorizing the United Kingdom not to apply Community treatment to certain men's and boys' outer garments (suits and jackets), falling within heading No ex 61.01 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Taiwan and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the English text is authentic)

(76/648/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 to the Commission under the first paragraph of Article 115 of the Treaty, made on 24 March 1976 by the United Kingdom Government by telex from the office of its Permanent Representative to the European Communities, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to certain men's and boys' outer garments (suits and jackets), falling within heading No ex 61.01 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Taiwan and in free circulation in the Federal Republic of Germany,

Whereas the importation into the United Kingdom of the products in question originating in Taiwan is subject, under Council Regulation (EEC) No 1783/75 of 10 July 1975 on rules for imports of certain textile products originating in Taiwan [1], to a global quota for suits, jackets, blazers for men and boys, fixed for 1976 at 114 metric tons, while in the Federal Republic of Germany the importation of these same products originating in Taiwan is not subject to any quota;

Whereas the differences between the conditions governing the importation of the products in question in the Member States have created an indirect trade flow in the United Kingdom which threatens to continue and to grow;

Whereas, according to information supplied by the Government of the United Kingdom, there are serious economic difficulties in the industry manufacturing 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 producers in the United Kingdom;

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 the Federal Republic of Germany and the other Member States;

[1] OJ No L 182, 12. 7. 1975, p. 2.

Whereas authorization should 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 (1), and in particular Article 1 thereof,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The United Kingdom is authorized not to apply Community treatment to imports of the following products:

CCT heading No	Description
ex 61.01	Men's and boys' outer garments: — Suits and jackets

where they originate in Taiwan and are in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 14 March 1976.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until new opportunities arise in the United Kingdom for the importation of the products in question from Taiwan and in any case not later than 31 December 1976.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 31 March 1976.

For the Commission

Christopher SOAMES

Vice-President

(2) OJ No L 121, 3. 6. 1971, p. 26.