COMMISSION DECISION

of 24 June 1976

authorizing the United Kingdom not to apply Community treatment to certain woven fabrics of synthetic textile fibres (polypropylene), falling within subheading 51.04 ex A of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Czechoslovakia and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the English text is authentic)

(76/652/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 16 June 1976 by the Government of the United Kingdom 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 synthetic textile fibres (polypropylene), falling within subheading 51.04 ex A of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Czechoslovakia and in free circulation in the Netherlands,

Whereas for woven and knitted fabrics of man-made fibres, falling within heading No 51.04, 56.07 or ex 60.01 of the Common Customs Tariff, the United Kingdom, in accordance with the Council Decision of 18 December 1975 [1], has opened in respect of Czechoslovakia an annual quota of 1 236 000 m²;

Whereas the British industry manufacturing the products in question is faced with serious economic difficulties caused largely by unequal conditions of competition with certain countries, whereby such countries are enabled to export at prices lower than those of producers in the United Kingdom;

Whereas the indirect imports which are the subject of the application would be likely to aggravate this difficult situation;

Whereas it is not possible to set in motion rapidly the machinery for bringing about the necessary cooperation from the Netherlands and 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 United Kingdom is authorized not to apply Community treatment to imports of woven fabrics of synthetic textile fibres (polypropylene), falling within subheading 51.04 ex A of the Common Customs Tariff, where they originate in Czechoslovakia and are in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications for import licences lodged after 6 June 1976 are, on the date of this Decision, pending with the United Kingdom authorities.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 24 June 1976.

For the Commission

Christopher SOAMES

Vice-President

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

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