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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 April 1976

authorizing the French Republic not to apply Community treatment to men's and boys' shirts, falling within heading No ex 61.03 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Romania and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the French text is authentic)

(76/663/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 French 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 men's and boys' shirts falling within heading No ex 61.03 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Romania and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas for the abovementioned shirts, France, in accordance with the Council Decision of 18 December 1975 [1], has opened in respect of Romania an annual quota of FF 4 700 000, which has already been largely used up;

Whereas, according to information supplied by the French Government, there are serious economic difficulties in the shirt-making industry and a considerable drop in production, leading to unemployment in a number of factories;

Whereas the indirect imports of the products in question, account being taken of those already effected in 1976, would be 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 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 French Republic is authorized not to apply Community treatment to imports of men's and boys' shirts falling within heading No ex 61.03 of the Common Customs Tariff, where they originate in Romania and are in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications for licences were lodged after 4 April 1976.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until 31 December 1976.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 20 April 1976.

For the Commission

Christopher SOAMES

Vice-President

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[1] OJ No L 332, 29. 12. 1975, p. 58.

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