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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 3 August 1976

concerning the application made by the United Kingdom under Article 115 of the Treaty for authorization to apply protective measures in respect of knitted cotton outerwear, falling within heading No ex 60.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Romania and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the English text is authentic)

(76/711/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 28 July 1976 by the United Kingdom Government by telex from the office of its Permanent Representative to the European Community, for authorization to apply protective measures in respect of the importation of knitted cotton outerwear, falling within heading No ex 60.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Romania and in free circulation in France,

Whereas, with regard to appareil of knitted or crocheted cotton man-made fibres, wool or fine animal hair, falling within heading Nos ex 60.04 and ex 60.05, the United Kingdom, in accordance with the Council Decision of 18 December 1975 [1], opened an annual quota of 1 755 000 pounds sterling for Romania, which is taken up at 98 % ;

Whereas, according to information supplied by the United Kingdom Government, there are serious economic difficulties in the sector in question ;

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 to set in motion the machinery for bringing about the necessary cooperation from the French Republic 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 ;

Whereas it is inappropriate to cover by this Decision the request for the licence with which the application in question originated because of its exeptionally low amount,

[1] OJ No L 332, 31. 12. 1975.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The United Kingdom is authorized not to apply Community treatment to imports of knitted cotton outerwear, falling within heading No ex 60.05 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 import licences were lodged after 27 July 1976.

Article 2

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

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 3 August 1976.

For the Commission

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Vice-President