COMMISSION DECISION

of 6 August 1976

authorizing the United Kingdom not to apply Community treatment to polyester/cotton fabrics, falling within heading No ex 56.07 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Thailand and in free circulation in the Federal Republic of Germany

(Only the English text is authentic)

(76/718/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 30 July 1976 by the United Kingdom Government to the Commission 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 polyester/cotton fabrics, falling within heading No ex 56.07 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Thailand and in free circulation in Germany,

Whereas imports of these articles originating in Thailand are admitted into the United Kingdom within a global quota of 4 776 000 m², which has been opened for the period 1 January 1976 to 31 March 1977;

Whereas a request for a licence for the importation of 603 750 m², originating in Thailand and in free circulation in Germany, was received by the United Kingdom authorities on 21 July 1976;

Whereas, according to information given in the application, it appears that the licence concerned, owing to its importance and abnormally low prices, is likely to affect appreciably the situation of the textile industry concerned;

Whereas in these circumstances there do appear to be sufficient grounds on which to authorize recourse to measures of protection under the first paragraph of Article 115 of the Treaty, 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 polyester/cotton fabrics from Thailand and in free circulation in Germany for which the application for import documents was made on 21 July 1976.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 6 August 1976.

For the Commission

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Vice-President

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