COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 August 1976

authorizing the United Kingdom not to apply Community treatment to woven fabrics of cotton, other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, unbleached, falling within heading No ex 55.09 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Taiwan and in free circulation in Ireland

(Only the English text is authentic)

(76/747/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 13 August 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 woven fabrics of cotton, other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, unbleached, falling within heading No ex 55.09 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Taiwan and in free circulation in Ireland,

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 fixed for 1976 at 1 064 metric tons, which is taken up at 92 % ;

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 Ireland ;

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 especially low amount,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The United Kingdom is authorized not to apply Community treatment to imports of woven fabrics of cotton, other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, unbleached, falling within heading No ex 55.09 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Taiwan, put into free circulation in Ireland and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 12 August 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, 20 August 1976.

For the Commission

Christopher SOAMES

Vice-President

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

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