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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 8 September 1976

authorizing the French Republic not to apply Community treatment to natural honey falling within heading No 04.06 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Romania and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the French text is authentic)

(76/838/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 1 September 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 natural honey falling within heading No 04.06 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Romania and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas, pursuant to the Council Decision of 18 December 1975 on unilateral import arrangements in respect of State-trading countries [1], France has opened in respect of Roumania for the product in question an annual quota of FF 1 300 000, which is wholly taken up;

Whereas according to information supplied by the French Government, the honey production sector, which is characteristic of certain economically less-favoured mountain regions (Alps, Pyrenees, Massif Central), is faced with a serious crisis largely as a result of the difficulty of disposing of this year's exceptionally abundant crop;

Whereas indirect imports of the product 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 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 natural honey falling within heading No 04.06 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Romania and in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 22 August 1976.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until new opportunities arise in the French Republic for the importation of

(1) OJ No L 332, 31. 12. 1975, p. 1.

(2) OJ No L 121, 3. 6. 1971, p. 26.

the product in question from Romania or until the date on which common import arrangements are introduced and in any case not later than 31 December 1976.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 8 September 1976.

For the Commission

Christopher SOAMES

Vice-President