COMMISSION DECISION

of 9 September 1976

authorizing the French Republic not to apply Community treatment to blouses falling within heading No ex 61.02 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the Republic of Korea and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the French text is authentic)

(76/839/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 to apply protective measures to imports of blouses falling within heading No ex 61.02 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the Republic of Korea and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas the importation into the Community of the products in question originating in the Republic of Korea is the subject of an Agreement negotiated between the Community and the Republic of Korea and initialled on 28 November 1975;

Whereas under the Agreement the Republic of Korea has undertaken to take all necessary steps to limit its exports of certain textile products to the Community to certain ceilings allocated among the Member States;

Whereas the allocation of the ceiling in question still involves certain disparities in the quota shares fixed for the various Member States in relation to the supply requirements of the markets concerned;

Whereas these disparties are likely to cause an indirect trade flow which could aggravate the situation in the clothing industry;

Whereas according to information supplied by the French Government there are serious economic difficulties in the clothing sector resulting in a progressive decline of production and a reduction of the number of workers employed in that sector;

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 at the present time to set in motion the machinery for bringing about the necessary cooperation from the other Member States;

Whereas authorization should accordingly be given, for a limited period, 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 [1] and in particular Article 1 thereof;

Whereas the request for a licence which gave rise to the application under the first paragraph of Article 115 need not be covered by this authorization in view of the particularly small amount involved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The French Republic is authorized not to apply Community treatment to imports of the following products:

CCT heading No	Description of goods
ex 61.02	Women's, girls' and infants' outer garments: — Blouses

where they originate in the Republic of Korea and are in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 31 August 1976.

Article 2

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

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

the products in question from the Republic of Korea and in any case not later than 31 December 1976.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 9 September 1976.

For the Commission

Christopher SOAMES

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