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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 26 October 1976

authorizing the Italian Republic not to apply Community treatment to half-boots with uppers of rubber falling within heading No ex 64.01 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Czechoslovakia and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(76/923/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 21 October 1976 by the Italian 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 half-boots falling within heading No ex 64.01 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Czechoslovakia and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas, for the products falling within heading No ex 64.01 of the Common Customs Tariff, the Italian Republic, in accordance with the Council Decision of 18 December 1975 [1], has opened in respect of Czechoslovakia a quota for 1976 of Lit 376 million, which is now exhausted;

Whereas according to information supplied by the Italian Government many footwear firms located in certain less-developed areas in southern Italy are facing a serious crisis attributable in large measure to the difficulties they are at present experiencing in marketing their products;

Whereas indirect imports of the products in question, which would be in addition to those already effected, would be likely to aggravate the above economic difficulties in view of the fact that the prices of these imports are approximately 50 % below those charged by national producers;

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 Italian Republic is authorized not to apply Community treatment to the following products:

[1] OJ No L 332, 29. 12. 1975, p. 1.

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

CCT heading No	Description of goods
ex 64.01	Footwear with outer soles and uppers of rubber or artificial plastic material: — Half-boots with uppers of rubber

where they originate in Czechoslovakia and are in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 14 October 1976.

Article 2

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

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 26 October 1976.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission