COMMISSION DECISION

of 9 December 1976

authorizing Ireland not to apply Community treatment to knitted goods falling within Chapter 60 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Hungary and in free circulation in the United Kingdom

(Only the English text is authentic)

(77/133/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 2 December 1976 by the Government of Ireland to the Commission by telex from the Office of its Permanent Representative to the European Communities, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to knitted goods falling within Chapter 60 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Hungary and in free circulation in the United Kingdom,

Whereas, with regard to goods of Chapter 60 of the Common Customs Tariff, Ireland in accordance with the Council Decision of 18 December 1975 [1] opened an annual quota of £ 110 for Hungary;

Whereas according to information supplied by Ireland, there are serious economic difficulties in the sector in question which is demonstrated, in particular, by a growing rate of unemployment;

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 rapidly the machinery for bringing about the necessary cooperation from the United Kingdom and 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 specified in the Commission Decision of 12 May 1971 [2], and in particular Article 1 thereof,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Ireland is authorized not to apply Community treatment to imports of knitted goods falling within Chapter 60 of the Common Customs Tariff, where they originate in Hungary, and are in free circulation in the United Kingdom, and in respect of which applications for import licences lodged after 24 November 1976 are, on the date of this Decision, pending with the Irish authorities.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 9 December 1976.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Member of the Commission

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

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