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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 December 1976

authorizing Ireland not to apply Community treatment to footwear with uppers of leather falling within subheading 64.02 A of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Czechoslovakia and in free circulation in the United Kingdom

(Only the English text is authentic)

(77/166/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 8 December 1976 by the Government of Ireland by telex from the office of its Permanent Representative to the European Community, for authorization not to apply Community treatment in respect of footwear with uppers of leather falling within subheading 64.02 A of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Czechoslovakia and in free circulation in the United Kingdom,

Whereas Ireland, following the procedure referred to in Council Decision 75/210/EEC of 27 March 1975 on unilateral import arrangements in respect of State-trading countries [1], made imports of products falling within heading No 64.02 A of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Czechoslovakia, subject to quantitative restrictions with effect from 12 November 1976;

Whereas in Ireland there are serious economic difficulties in the sector in question, this being shown by a decrease in production and an increasing rate of unemployment;

Whereas it is not possible to set in motion 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 of the EEC Treaty, subject to the conditions laid down by Commission Decision 71/202/EEC of 12 May 1971 [2], and in particular Article 1 thereof;

Whereas it is unappropriate 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

Ireland is authorized not to apply Community treatment to footwear with uppers of leather falling within subheading 64.02 A of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Czechoslovakia, in free circulation in the United Kingdom and in respect of which applica-

[1] OJ No L 99, 21. 4. 1975, p. 7.

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

tions for import licences were lodged after 7 December 1976.

Article 2

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

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 20 December 1976.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Member of the Commission