COMMISSION DECISION

of 3 February 1977

authorizing the United Kingdom not to apply Community treatment to cotton tents falling within heading No ex 62.04 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Czechoslovakia and in free circulation in Ireland

(Only the English text is authentic)

(77/193/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 27 January 1977 by the Government of the United Kingdom to the Commission by telex from the Office of its Permanent Representative to the European Communities for authorization not to apply Community treatment to cotton tents falling within heading No ex 62.04 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Czechoslovakia and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas the United Kingdom, in accordance with Council Decision 75/210/EEC of 27 March 1975 [1], as amended by Decision 76/971/EEC of 13 December 1976 [2], provides for the import of the products falling within heading No 62.04, originating in Czechoslovakia, up to a total quota value of £ 55 800 ;

Whereas the whole of the said quota has been allocated between those importers which have made requests therefor ;

Whereas there are serious economic difficulties in the textile industry sector in question which are marked especially by a decline in production and a growing rate of unemployment ;

Whereas the said indirect operation, which has given rise to the above application, even though it appears to be an isolated operation, may cause a further deterioration in the situation described above because of the substantial amount involved ;

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 the application of protective measures, under the first paragraph of Article 115, subject to the conditions specified in Commission Decision 71/202/EEC of 12 May 1971 [3], and in particular Article 1 thereof,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The United Kingdom is authorized not to apply Community treatment to cotton tents falling within heading No ex 62.04 of the Common Customs Tariff, where they originate in Czechoslovakia and are in free circulation in Ireland, and in respect of which applications for import licences lodged after 17 January 1977 are, on the date of this Decision, pending with the United Kingdom authorities.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 3 February 1977.

For the Commission

Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Vice-President

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[1] OJ No L 99, 21. 4. 1975, p. 7.
[2] OJ No L 365, 31. 12. 1976, p. 1.
[3] OJ No L 121, 3. 6. 1971, p. 26.