COMMISSION DECISION

of 10 March 1977

authorizing the French Republic to apply protective measures to imports of live sheep falling within subheading 01.04 A I b) of the Common Customs Tariff and mutton and lamb falling within subheading 02.01 A ex IV thereof, originating in third countries and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the French text is authentic)

(77/234/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular the first paragraph of Article 115 thereof,

Having regard to the request made by the French Republic to the Commission on 17 February 1977 by telex from its Permanent Representative to the European Communities, for authorization to apply protective measures to imports of live sheep falling within subheading 01.04 A I b) of the Common Customs Tariff and mutton and lamb falling within subheading 02.01 A ex IV thereof, originating in third countries and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas differences between the measures of commercial policy concerning these products applied by France, and those applied by the other Member States as regards third countries, are causing deflection of trade ;

Whereas this deflection of trade is preventing the measures of commercial policy taken by France as regards third countries from being carried out ;

Whereas methods for obtaining the necessary cooperation from the other Member States cannot be introduced at the present time ;

Whereas, in these circumstances, protective measures under the first paragraph of Article 115 of the Treaty should be authorized for a limited period,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The French Republic is hereby authorized to apply to imports of live sheep falling within subheading 01.04 A I b) of the Common Customs Tariff and mutton and lamb falling within subheading 02.01 A ex IV thereof, originating in third countries and in free circulation in the other Member States, the non-tariff arrangements applied by it to the same goods originating in and coming from third countries.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until the entry into force of a Council Regulation on the establishment of a common organization of the market for the products in question and, in any event, not later than 31 December 1977.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 10 March 1977.

For the Commission

Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Vice-President