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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 3 March 1977

authorizing the French Republic not to apply Community treatment to unbleached or bleached woven fabrics of cotton or synthetic fibres, falling within heading No ex 55.09 and subheading 56.07 ex A of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the Republic of Korea and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the French text is authentic)

(77/362/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 28 February 1977, by the French 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 unbleached or bleached woven fabrics of cotton or synthetic textile fibres, falling within heading No ex 55.09 and subheading 56.07 ex A of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the Republic of Korea and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas imports into the Community of the products in question originating in the Republic of Korea were the subject of an Agreement negotiated between the Community and the Republic of Korea, signed on 22 December 1976;

Whereas, under the Agreement, the Republic of Korea has undertaken to take all necessary steps to limit its exports of certain textile products to certain ceilings allocated among the Member States;

Whereas the quota share allocated to the French Republic in respect of unbleached or bleached woven fabrics of cotton or synthetic textile fibres is 1 208 tonnes;

Whereas according to information supplied by the French Government there are serious economic difficulties in the textile industry concerned, resulting in a progressive decline of production and considerable structural unemployment;

Whereas indirect imports of the products 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 the machinery for bringing about the necessary cooperation from the other Member States;

Whereas authorization should be given for a limited period 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 [1], and in particular Article 1 thereof,

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The French Republic is authorized not to apply Community treatment to imports of the following :

CCT heading No	Description of goods
ex 55.09	Woven fabrics of cotton : — Unbleached or bleached
56.07 ex A	Woven fabrics of man-made fibres (discontinuous or waste) : ex A. Of synthetic textile fibres : — Unbleached or bleached

where they originate in the Republic of Korea and are in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 15 February 1977.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until new opportunities arise in France for the importation of the product in question from the Republic of Korea and in any case not later than 31 December 1977.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 3 March 1977.

For the Commission

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Vice-President