# COMMISSION DECISION

**of 18 May 1977**

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

**(Only the French text is authentic)**

(77/430/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 16 May 1977 by the French Government to the Commission by telex, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to woven fabrics of cotton or of synthetic textile fibres, unbleached or bleached, falling within heading No ex 55.09 or subheading 56.07 ex A of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Thailand and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas the importation into the Community of the products in question originating in Thailand was the subject of an Agreement negotiated between the Community and Thailand initialled on 2 May 1977;

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

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

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

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

where they originate in Thailand and are in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 8 May 1977.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall apply until new opportunities arise in the French Republic for imports from Thailand, or until 31 December 1977, whichever is the earlier.

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 18 May 1977.

*For the Commission*

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*Member of the Commission*

[1] OJ No L 126, 3. 6. 1971, p. 26.