COMMISSION DECISION

of 27 May 1977

authorizing the French Republic not to apply Community treatment to blouses falling within heading No ex 61.02 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)

(77/482/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 20 May 1977 by the French Government to the Commission by telex from the office of its Permanent Representative to the European Communities, for authorization to apply protective measures to imports of blouses falling within heading No ex 61.02 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the Republic of Korea and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas the importation into the Community of the products in question originating in the Republic of Korea is the subject of an Agreement negotiated between the Community and the Republic of Korea and 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 the Community to certain requirements of the markets concerned;

Whereas the indirect imports in question, which would be in addition to those already effected, would be likely to aggravate these economic difficulties;

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 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 blouses and shirt-blouses for women, girls and infants within heading No ex 61.02 of the Common Customs Tariff, 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 8 May 1977.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until new opportunities arise in the French Republic for the importation of the products 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, 27 May 1977.

For the Commission

Étienne DAVIGNON

Member of the Commission

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