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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 1 February 1977

authorizing the United Kingdom not to apply Community treatment to cotton jeans falling within heading No ex 61.01 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the People's Republic of China and in free circulation in the Netherlands

(Only the English text is authentic)

(77/652/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 25 January 1977 by the United Kingdom Government by telex from the office of its Permanent Representative to the European Community, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to cotton jeans falling within heading No ex 61.01 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the People's Republic of China 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 Council Decision 76/971/EEC of 13 December 1976 [2], admits the importation of the products in question in the context of a quota with a total value of £ 531 000 reserved for certain textile products ;

Whereas, the whole of the said quota is being allocated between those importers which have made requests ;

Whereas a request for an import licence of the jeans in question, originating from the People's Republic of China and in free circulation in the Netherlands, worth £ 276 000 (52 % of the said quota), has been deposited with the British authorities ;

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

Whereas the realization of the abovementioned indirect operation, even though it appears to be an isolated operation, would, because of its substantial amount, be likely to aggravate this difficult situation ;

Whereas it is not possible to set in motion rapidly 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 laid down by the Commission Decision 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 jeans falling within heading No ex 61.01 of the Common Customs Tariff, where they originate in the People's Republic of China and are in free circulation in the Netherlands, and in respect of which applications for import

[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.

licences lodged after 13 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, 1 February 1977.

For the Commission

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