COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 4 July 1977

authorizing the French Republic not to apply Community treatment to gloves, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized, falling within heading No 60.02 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Taiwan and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the French text is authentic)

(77/682/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 June 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 gloves, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized, falling within heading No 60.02 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Taiwan and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas, in accordance with the Council Decision of 10 July 1975 [1], France opens for the products in question from Taiwan an annual quota of 67 000 pairs, which has been almost entirely used up ;

Whereas, according to information supplied by the French Government, there are serious economic difficulties in the sector in question, resulting in a drop in production ;

Whereas these economic difficulties are caused largely be unequal conditions of competition with certain countries (including Taiwan), whereby such countries are able to export at prices lower than those of French producers ;

Whereas indirect imports, which would be in addition to those already effected, would be likely to aggravate those 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 in the Commission Decision of 12 May 1971 [2], and in particular Article 1 thereof,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The French Republic is authorized not to apply Community treatment to gloves, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized, falling within heading No 60.02 of the Common Customs Tariff, where they originate in Taiwan and are in free circulation in the other Member States and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 15 June 1977.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until new opportunities in the French Republic for the importation of the products in question from Taiwan and in any case not later than 31 December 1977.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 4 July 1977.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 182, 12. 7. 1975, p. 2.

[2] OJ No L 121, 3. 6. 1971, p. 21.