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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 21 April 1977

authorizing the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands not to apply Community treatment to knitted or crocheted jerseys, pullovers, slip-overs, twinsets, cardigans, bed-jackets and jumpers, other than of silk, of noil or of other waste silk or of flax or ramie, falling within heading No ex 60.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the Socialist Republic of Romania and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the Dutch and French texts are authentic)

(77/700/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 14 April 1977 by the Governments of the Benelux countries to the Commission by telex from the office of the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the European Communities, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to knitted or crocheted jerseys, pullovers, slip-overs, twinsets, cardigans, bed-jackets and jumpers, other than of silk, of noil or of other waste silk or of flax or ramie, falling within heading No ex 60.05 of the Common Customs Tarif, originating in the Socialist Republic of Romania and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas under the Agreement between the Community and the Socialist Republic of Romania, concluded in accordance with Article 4 of the Arrangement regarding international trade in textiles, the Socialist Republic of Romania has undertaken to limit its exports to the Community of the products in question to a ceiling allocated among the Member States;

Whereas, according to information supplied by the Governments of the Benelux countries, there are serious economic difficulties in the branch of the textile industry in question resulting in a progressive decline of production and a constant reduction of the number of workers employed in that sector;

Whereas further indirect imports of the products in question, 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 [1], and in particular Article 1 thereof,

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands are authorized not to apply Community treatment to knitted or crocheted jerseys, pullovers, slip-overs, twin-sets, cardigans, bed-jackets and jumpers, other than of silk, of noil or of other waste silk or of flax ramie, falling within heading No ex 60.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, where they originate in the Socialist Republic of Romania and are in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 31 March 1977.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until new opportunities arise in the Benelux countries for the importation of the products in question from the Socialist Republic of Romania and in any case not later than 31 December 1977.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Done at Brussels, 21 April 1977.

For the Commission

Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Vice-President