COMMISSION DECISION

of 14 October 1977

authorizing the French Republic not to apply Community treatment to garments falling within heading No 61.01, 61.02 or 61.03 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Poland and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the French text is authentic)

(77/703/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 12 October 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 garments falling within heading No 61.01, 61.02 or 61.03 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Poland and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas for the garments in question, France, in accordance with the Council Decision of 13 December 1976 [1], has opened, in respect of Poland, an annual quota of FF 13 780 000, which has already been used up ;

Whereas according to information supplied by the French Government, the French clothing industry is in an extremely difficult situation, involving a decrease in production and substantial structural unemployment ;

Whereas the indirect imports of the products in question, given those already effected in 1977, would be likely to aggravate these economic difficulties ;

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 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 [2], 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 garments falling within heading No 61.01, 61.02 or 61.03 of the Common Customs Tariff, where they originate in Poland and are in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 3 October 1977.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until 31 December 1977.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 14 October 1977.

For the Commission

Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Vice-President

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[1] OJ No L 365, 31. 12. 1976, p. 1.

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