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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 11 March 1977

authorizing the United Kingdom not to apply Community treatment to woven fabrics of synthetic textile fibres (polyester/cotton), falling within subheading 56.07 ex A of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the Socialist Republic of Romania and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the English text is authentic)

(77/723/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 7 March 1977 by the United Kingdom to the Commission by telex from the office of its Permanent Representative to the European Communities, for authorization to apply protective measures in respect of the importation of woven fabrics of synthetic textile fibres (polyester/cotton) falling within subheading 56.07 ex A of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the Socialist Republic of Romania and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas the importation into the Community of the products in question originating in the Socialist Republic of Romania is the subject of an Agreement negotiated between the Community and that country and initialled on 10 November 1976 ;

Whereas, under the Agreement, the Socialist Republic of Romania has undertaken to take all necessary steps to limit its exports of certain textile products to the Community to certain ceilings allocated among the Member States ;

Whereas, for imports of woven fabrics of cotton, unbleached and bleached, and of woven fabrics of synthetic textile fibres falling within heading No 56.07 of the Common Customs Tariff, the quota share allocated to the United Kingdom is 315 tonnes for 1977 ;

Whereas the allocation of the quota concerned takes account also of certain disparities in the fixing of the quota shares for the Member States by comparison with the supply needs of the markets concerned ;

Whereas such disparities are likely to create an indirect trade flow which could aggravate the persistent difficulties of the textile industry ;

Whereas the carrying out of the indirect import envisaged, while it would appear to be an isolated operation, would be likely to affect the delicate situation of the national production of the products in question because of the appreciable amount involved and because of the price which is considerably lower than those prevailing among British producers ;

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 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,

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The United Kingdom is authorized not to apply Community treatment to woven fabrics of synthetic textile fibres (polyester/cotton) falling within subheading 56.07 ex A of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the Socialist Republic of Romania and in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications for import licences lodged after 23 February 1977 are before the United Kingdom authorities on the date of this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 11 March 1977.

For the Commission

Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Vice-President