COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 23 November 1977

authorizing the Italian Republic not to apply Community treatment to synthetic rubber latex falling within heading No ex 40.02 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Bulgaria and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(78/151/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 18 November 1977 by the Government of the Italian Republic to the Commission by telex from the office of its Permanent Representative to the European Communities, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to synthetic rubber latex falling within heading No ex 40.02 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Bulgaria and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas, in accordance with the Council Decision of 13 December 1976 [1], the Italian Republic opened for 1977 a quota of 228 tonnes for imports of synthetic rubber latex from Bulgaria, which has been wholly taken up;

Whereas, according to information supplied by the Italian Government, the Italian industry concerned is facing a serious crisis, resulting in a reduced utilization of its production capacity;

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 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 [2], and in particular Article 1 thereof,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Italian Republic is authorized not to apply Community treatment to synthetic rubber latex, falling within heading No ex 40.02 of the Common Customs Tariff, where it originates in Bulgaria and is in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications for import licences lodged after 7 November 1977 are, on the date of this Decision, pending with the Italian authorities.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 23 November 1977.

For the Commission

Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Vice-President

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

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