COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 February 1978

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)

(78/219/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 30 January 1978 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 products in question, France, while waiting for the opening of the question fixed by Council Decision of 20 December 1977, does not for the moment permit any imports coming directly from Poland ;

Whereas, according to information supplied by the French Government, there are economic difficulties in the branch of industry concerned ;

Whereas the realization of the licence applications that have motivated this application are likely to impede the commercial policy measures applied by France, because of the difficulties in the abovementioned industry ;

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 [1], 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 23 January 1978.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until new opportunities arise in the French Republic for the importation of the products in question from Poland.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 7 February 1978.

For the Commission

Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Vice-President

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