COMMISSION DECISION

of 22 February 1978

authorizing the French Republic not to apply Community treatment to woven fabrics of jute or of other textile bast fibres falling within heading No 57.03 of the Common Customs Tariff and sacks and bags of a kind used for the packing of goods, of jute or of other textile bast fibres falling within heading No 57.03, falling within heading No or subheading ex 57.10 or 62.03 ex A, originating in Bangladesh and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the French text is authentic)

(78/322/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 16 February 1978 by the French Government to the Commission of the European Communities, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to woven fabrics of jute or of other textile bast fibres falling within heading No 57.03 of the Common Customs Tariff and sacks and bags of a kind used for the packing of goods, of jute or of other textile bast fibres falling within heading No 57.03, falling within heading No or subheading ex 57.10 or 62.03 ex A, originating in Bangladesh and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas the importation into the Community of the products in question originating in Bangladesh is covered by an Agreement negotiated between the Community and this third country on trade in jute products ;

Whereas under this Agreement direct imports of these products are subject to quantitative restrictions ;

Whereas according to the application submitted there are serious difficulties in the industrial sector concerned, involving a considerable drop in production and employment ;

Whereas further indirect imports, in addition to those already effected, would be likely to aggravate these 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 specified in 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 the products indicated below, where they originate in Bangladesh and are in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after the date of this Decision :

CCT heading No	Description
57.10 or 62.03 ex A	Woven fabrics of jute or of other textile bast fibres falling with heading No 57.03 and sacks and bags of a kind used for the packing of goods, of jute or of other textile bast fibres falling within heading No 57.03

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until new opportunities arise for the importation of these products from Bangladesh or until 31 December 1978 whichever is the earlier.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 22 February 1978.

For the Commission

Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Vice-President

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