COMMISSION DECISION

of 24 February 1978

authorizing the French Republic not to apply Community treatment to clothing accessories and other articles (except outer garments and bathing costumes), knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized, falling within heading No ex 60.05 or ex 60.06 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Taiwan and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the French text is authentic)

(78/324/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 21 February 1978 by the French Government to the Commission of the European Communities, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to clothing accessories and other articles (except outer garments and bathing costumes), knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized, falling within heading No ex 60.05 or ex 60.06 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Taiwan and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas the importation into the Community of the products in question originating in Taiwan is subject to a Community quantitative quota allocated among the Member States by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3020/77 of 30 December 1977 [1], confirmed by Council Regulation (EEC) No 255/78 of 7 February 1978 [2];

Whereas it was not possible on that occasion to allocate these quotas on the basis of the needs of the individual markets; whereas for that reason disparities persist between the import conditions in the various Member States; whereas uniformity can be achieved only progressively;

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

Whereas these economic difficulties are caused largely by unequal conditions of competition, whereby exports can be effected at prices appreciably lower than those of the Community products in question;

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 [3], 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 Taiwan and are in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 13 February 1978 and are, on the date of this Decision, pending with the French authorities:

CCT heading No	Description
ex 60.05 or ex 60.06	Clothing accessories and other articles (except outer garments and bathing costumes), knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 24 February 1978.

For the Commission

Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Vice-President

[1] OJ No L 357, 31. 12. 1977, p. 51.
[2] OJ No L 39, 9. 2. 1978, p. 1.
[3] OJ No L 121, 3. 6. 1971, p. 26.