COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 11 May 1978

authorizing the United Kingdom not to apply Community treatment to linen tea towels falling within heading No ex 62.02 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Czechoslovakia and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the English text is authentic)

(78/466/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 1 May 1978 by the United Kingdom Government to the Commission of the European Communities, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to linen tea towels falling within heading No ex 62.02 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Czechoslovakia and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas in the United Kingdom the importation of the products in question originating in Czechoslovakia is, in accordance with the Council Decision of 20 December 1977 [1], subject to an annual quota that is already exceeded considering the direct or indirect imports already realized or authorized;

Whereas disparities in the commercial policy measures applied in connection with these products by the Member States are giving rise to deflection of trade, thus preventing the execution of those commercial policy measures which are in force because of the difficult economic situation in the sector concerned;

Whereas further indirect imports, in addition to those already effected, would be likely to jeopardize the efficiency of the abovementioned commercial policy measures;

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 [2], and in particular Article 1 thereof,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The United Kingdom is authorized not to apply Community treatment to the products indicated below, where they originate in Czechoslovakia and are in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 23 April 1978:

CCT heading No	Description
ex 62.02	Linen tea towels

Article 2

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

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 11 May 1978.

For the Commission

Richard BURKE

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 357, 31. 12. 1977.

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