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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 22 May 1978

authorizing the Italian Republic not apply Community treatment to synthetic textile fibres (discontinuous), not carded, combed or otherwise prepared for spinning, falling with heading No ex 56.01 of the Common Customs Tariff (NIMEXE code 56.01-15), originating in the German Democratic Republic and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(78/493/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 8 May 1978 by the Italian Government to the Commission of the European Communities, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to synthetic fibres (discontinuous), not carded, combed or otherwise prepared for spinning, falling within heading No ex 56.01 of the Common Customs Tariff (NIMEXE code 56.01-15), originating in the German Democratic Republic and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas in Italy the importation of the products in question originating in the German Democratic Republic is, in accordance with the Council Decision of 20 December 1977 [1], subject to an annual quota which has already been wholly taken up ;

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 although the imports which gave rise to the application submitted would appear to be an isolated operation, they are nevertheless likely, owing to the appreciable amount of the imports, 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 [2] and in particular Article 1 thereof,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The Italian Republic is hereby authorized not to apply Community treatment to the products indicated below, where they originate in the German Democratic Republic and are in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 2 May 1978 and

(1) OJ No L 360, 31. 12. 1977, p. 1.

(2) OJ No L 121, 3. 6. 1971, p. 26.

are, on the date of this Decision, pending with the Italian authorities :

CCT heading No	Description
ex 56.01 (NIMEXE code 56.01-15)	Synthetic textile fibres (discontinuous), not carded, combed or otherwise prepared for spinning

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 22 May 1978.

For the Commission

Antonio GIOLITTI

Member of the Commission