COMMISSION DECISION

of 8 June 1978

authorizing the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands not to apply Community treatment to blouses and shirt blouses, knitted, crocheted (not elastic or rubberized), or woven, for women, girls and infants, of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres, falling within subheadings ex 60.05 A II or ex 61.02 B (NIMEXE codes 60.05-22, 23, 24, 25 — 61.02-78, 82, 84) of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Bulgaria and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the French and Dutch texts are authentic)

(78/534/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 31 May 1978 by the governments of the Benelux countries to the Commission of the European Communities, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to blouses and shirt blouses, knitted, crocheted (not elastic or rubberized), or woven, for women, girls and infants, of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres, falling within subheadings ex 60.05 A II or ex 61.02 B (NIMEXE codes 60.05-22, 23, 24, 25 — 61.02-78, 82, 84) of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Bulgaria and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas in the Benelux countries the importation of the products in question originating in Bulgaria is, in accordance with the Council Decision of 20 December 1977 [1] and until the entry into force of the definitive arrangements, subject to quantitative restriction ;

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, 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, 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 Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands are authorized not to apply Community treatment to the products indicated below, where they originate in Bulgaria and are in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 23 May 1978 and are, on the date of this Decision pending with the Benelux authorities :

CCT heading No	Description
ex 60.05 A II and ex 61.02 B (NIMEXE codes 60.05-22, 23, 24, 25 — 61.02-78, 82, 84)	Blouses and shirt blouses, knitted, crocheted (not elastic or rubberized), or woven, for women, girls and infants, of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres

[1] OJ No L 360, 31. 12. 1977, p. 1.

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

Article 2

This Decision is adressed to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Done at Brussels, 8 June 1978.

For the Commission

Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Vice-President