COMMISSION DECISION

of 22 June 1978

authorizing the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands not to apply Community treatment to men's leather footwear, including boots, falling within heading No ex 64.02 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Romania and in free ciruculation in the other Member States

(Only the French and Dutch texts are authentic)

(78/567/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 June 1978 by the Governments of the Benelux countries to the Commission of the European Communities, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to men's leather footwear, including boots, falling within heading No ex 64.02 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Romania and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas in the Benelux countries the importation of the products in questin originating in Romania 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 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 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 (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 Romania and are in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 5 June 1978 :

CCT heading No	Description
ex 64.02	Men's leather footwear, including boots

Article 2

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

Article 3

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

Done at Brussels, 22 June 1978.

For the Commission

Lorenzo NATALI

Vice-President

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

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