COMMISSION DECISION

of 6 July 1978

authorizing the Italian Republic not to apply Community treatment to spoons, forks, fish-eaters, butter-knives, ladles and similar kitchen or tableware, falling within heading No 82.14 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Japan and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(78/608/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 June 1978 by the Italian Government to the Commission of the European Communities, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to spoons, forks, fish-eaters, butter-knives, ladles and similar kitchen or tableware, falling within heading No 82.14 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Japan and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas in Italy the importation of the products in question originating in Japan is subject to an annual quota, which has already been wholly taken up;

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;

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 (1), and in particular Article 1 thereof;

Whereas, however, the request for a licence which gave rise to the application in question does not need to be covered by such an authorization in view of the small amount involved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Italian Republic is authorized not to apply Community treatment to the products indicated below, where they originate in Japan and are in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after the date of this Decision:

CCT heading No	Description
82.14	Spoons, forks, fish-eaters, butter-knives, ladles and similar kitchen or tableware

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until new opportunities arise for the importation of these products from Japan or until 30 September 1978, whichever is the earlier.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 6 July 1978.

For the Commission

Étienne DAVIGNON

Member of the Commission

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