COMMISSION DECISION

of 11 August 1978

authorizing the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands not to apply Community treatment to bed linen, woven, falling within subheading ex 62.02 B (NIMEXE codes 62.02-11, 19) of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Romania and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the Dutch and French texts are authentic)

(78/744/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 7 August 1978 by the Benelux Governments to the Commission of the European Communities, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to bed linen, woven, falling within subheading ex 62.02 B (NIMEXE codes 62.02-11, 19) of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Romania and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas the importation into the Community of the products in question originating in Romania is covered by an Agreement negotiated between the Community and that country;

Whereas under that Agreement Romania has undertaken to take all necessary steps to limit its exports of the products in question to the Community to certain ceilings allocated among the Member States;

Whereas it was not possible on that occasion to allocate these ceilings on the basis of the needs of the individual markets; whereas for that reason disparities persist between the import conditions in the various Member States; whereas uniformity can only be achieved progressively;

Whereas according to the application submitted there are serious difficulties in the industrial sector concerned involving a considerable drop in production and employment;

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 jeopardize the aims of the Agreement;

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,

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 26 July 1978 and are, on the date of this Decision, pending with the Benelux authorities:

CCT heading No	Description
ex 62.02 B (NIMEXE codes 62.02-11, 19)	Bed linen, woven

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 11 August 1978.

For the Commission

Étienne DAVIGNON

Member of the Commission

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