COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 September 1978

authorizing Ireland not to apply Community treatment to table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen, woven, other than of cotton terry fabric, falling within subheading ex 62.02 B of the Common Customs Tariff (NIMEXE codes 62.02-41, 43, 47, 65, 73, 77), originating in Hong Kong and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the English text is authentic)

(78/839/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 19 September 1978 by the Irish Government to the Commission of the European Communities, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen, woven, other than of cotton terry fabric, falling within subheading ex 62.02 B of the Common Customs Tariff (NIMEXE codes 62.02-41, 43, 47, 65, 73, 77), originating in Hong Kong and in free circulation in the other Member States,

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

Whereas under that Agreement Hong Kong has undertaken to take all necessary steps to limit its exports of the products in question to the Community up to the amount of 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 there are therefore disparities existing between the import conditions in the various Member States; whereas uniformity can only be achieved progressively;

Whereas it appears from the application submitted that 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 made or proposed, 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 laid down in Commission Decision 72/202/EEC of 12 May 1971 [1], and in particular Article 1 thereof;

Whereas, however, the application 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

Ireland is hereby authorized not to apply Community treatment to the products indicated below, where they originate in Hong Kong 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 the adoption of this Decision:

CCT heading No	Description
ex 62.02 B (NIMEXE codes 62.02-41, 43, 47, 65, 73, 77)	Table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen, woven, other than of cotton terry fabric

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until new opportunities arise in Ireland for the importation of these products

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

from Hong Kong or until 31 December 1978, whichever is the earlier.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 29 September 1978.

For the Commission

Étienne DAVIGNON

Member of the Commission