COMMISSION DECISION

of 14 November 1978

authorizing the United Kingdom not to apply Community treatment to cotton tea-towels falling within heading No ex 62.02 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the People's Republic of China and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the English text is authentic)

(78/970/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 6 November 1978 by the Government of the United Kingdom to the Commission of the European Communities, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to cotton tea-towels falling within heading No ex 62.02 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the People's Republic of China and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas in the United Kingdom the importation of the products in question originating in the People's Republic of China is, in accordance with Council Decision 77/806/EEC of 20 December 1977 [1], subject to an annual quota, which has already been wholly taken up;

Whereas the disparities which exist in the commercial policy measures applied in connection with these products by the Member States are causing deflection of trade, thereby preventing the execution of those commercial policy measures which are in force because of the difficult economic situation in the sector concerned;

Whereas 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 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 71/202/EEC of 12 May 1971 [2], 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,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The United Kingdom is authorized not to apply Community treatment to the products indicated below, where they originate in the People's Republic of China and are in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 26 October 1978:

CCT heading No	Description
ex 62.02	Cotton tea-towels

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until new opportunities arise in the United Kingdom for the importation of these products from the People's Republic of China or until 31 December 1978, whichever is the earlier.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 14 November 1978.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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

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