COMMISSION DECISION

of 15 February 1979

authorizing the French Republic not to apply Community treatment to toys of wood, other (except motors and movement mechanisms for toys and working models used for recreational purposes and parts thereof), falling within subheadings 97.03 A and ex B of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Hong Kong and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the French text is authentic)

(79/240/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 5 February 1979 by the French Government to the Commission of the European Communities, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to toys of wood, other (except motors and movement mechanisms for toys and working models used for recreational purposes and parts thereof), falling within subheadings 97.03 A and ex B of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Hong Kong and in free circulation in the other Member States;

Whereas in France the importation of the products in question originating in Hong Kong is subject to an annual quota, which is currently being distributed;

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 it appears that 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, the imports which gave rise to the application submitted are likely, in view of the substantial volume of the imports, 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 [1], and in particular Article 1 thereof;

Whereas, however, the total amount of the applications 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 French Republic is 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 28 January 1979 and are, at the date of this Decision, pending with the French authorities. However, this authorization does not cover an amount of FF 2 000 000 to be distributed among those applying for licences.

CCT heading No	Description
97.03 A and ex B	Toys of wood, other (except motors and movement mechanisms for toys and working models used for recreational purposes and parts thereof)

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 15 February 1979.

For the Commission

Étienne DAVIGNON

Member of the Commission

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