COMMISSION DECISION

of 4 December 1980

authorizing the French Republic not to apply Community treatment to men's and boys' shirts, woven, originating in Taiwan

(Only the French text is authentic)

(80/1201/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 Commission Decision 80/47/EEC of 20 December 1979 on surveillance and protective measures which Member States may be authorized to take in respect of imports of certain products originating in third countries and put into free circulation in another Member State [1], and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Whereas on 24 November 1980 a request was made under the first paragraph of Article 115 of the Treaty by the French Government to the Commission of the European Communities for authorization not to apply Community treatment to men's and boys' shirts, woven, falling within subheading 61.03 A of the Common Customs Tariff (category 8), originating in Taiwan and in free circulation in the other Member States ;

Whereas the importation into the Community of the products in question originating in Taiwan is subject, under Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3020/77 [2], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2604/78 [3], to a Community quantitative quota ;

Whereas the differences in market conditions within the Community and the particular sensitivity of this branch of Community industry have been taken into account in allocating the abovementioned Community quota between the Member States ;

Whereas for this reason disparities still exist between the conditions governing the importation of the products in question into the different Member States ; whereas uniformity can only be brought about gradually ;

Whereas these disparities in the commercial policy measures applied by the Member States have resulted in deflections of trade, in that since 1 January 1980 France has admitted the products in question in free circulation, originating in the said third country, amounting to approximately 64·3 % of the direct quota ;

Whereas total imports of the products in question originating in third countries have increased from 15 891 000 pieces in 1978 to 19 383 000 pieces in 1979 ;

Whereas further indirect imports, in addition to those already admitted or planned, would be likely to aggravate these difficulties in the industry sector concerned and jeopardize the aims of the abovementioned commercial policy measures ;

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 Decision 80/47/EEC, and in particular Article 3 thereof ;

Whereas an application for import documents covering 8 000 pieces is duly pending with the authorities of the Member State having made the request ; whereas in view of the amount involved, this application does not need to be covered by such authorization,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The French Republic is authorized not to apply Community treatment to the products indicated below, originating in Taiwan and in free circulation in the other Member States, in respect of which applica-

(1) OJ No L 16, 22. 1. 1980, p. 14.
(2) OJ No L 357, 31. 12. 1977, p. 51.
(3) OJ No L 317, 10. 11. 1978, p. 1.

tions for import licences were lodged after 20 November 1980 :

CCT heading No	Description
61.03 A (NIMEXE codes : 61.03-11, 15, 19) (category 8)	Men's and boys' shirts, woven, of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until new opportunities arise in France for the importation of the products in question originating in Taiwan or until 31 December 1980, whichever is the earlier.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 4 December 1980.

For the Commission

Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Vice-President