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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 18 January 1980

authorizing the United Kingdom not to apply Community treatment to gloves, mittens and mitts, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized, falling within heading No 60.02 of the Common Customs Tariff (NIMEXE codes 60.02-40, 50, 60, 70, 80) (categories 10 and 11), originating in the People's Republic of China and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the English text is authentic)

(80/164/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 14 January 1980 by the United Kingdom Government to the Commission of the European Communities, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to gloves, mittens and mitts, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized, falling within heading No 60.02 of the Common Customs Tariff (NIMEXE codes 60.02-40, 50, 60, 70, 80) (categories 10 and 11), originating in the People's Republic of China and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas the importation into the Community of the products in question originating in the People's Republic of China is covered by an Agreement negotiated between the Community and that country;

Whereas under that Agreement the People's Republic of China 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 proposed, would be likely to aggravate these difficulties and to call into question the objective sought by the commercial measures concerned;

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 application for a licence which gave rise to the application in question does not need to be covered by such an authorization,

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

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 10 January 1980 :

CCT heading No	Description
60.02 (NIMEXE codes 60.02-40, 50, 60, 70, 80) (categories 10 and 11)	Gloves, mittens and mitts, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized

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 30 June 1980, whichever is the earlier.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 18 January 1980.

For the Commission

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