COMMISSION DECISION

of 3 March 1980

authorizing the United Kingdom not to apply Community treatment to men's and boys' woven suits (including coordinate suits consisting of two or three pieces, which are ordered, packed, consigned and normally sold together), of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres, excluding ski-suits, falling within heading No ex 61.01 of the Common Customs Tariff (category 16), originating in Bulgaria and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the English text is authentic)

(80/349/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 22 February 1980 by the United Kingdom Government to the Commission of the European Communities, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to men's and boys' woven suits (including coordinate suits consisting of two or three pieces, which are ordered, packed, consigned and normally sold together), of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres, excluding ski-suits, falling within heading No ex 61.01 of the Common Customs Tariff (category 16), originating in Bulgaria, and in free circulation in the other Member States,

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

Whereas under that Agreement Bulgaria 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 those 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 these economic difficulties are caused largely by unequal conditions of competition, which allow exports to be made at prices appreciably lower than those of the Community products in question ;

Whereas further indirect imports, in addition to those already made or proposed, would be likely to aggravate these difficulties and to call into question the objectives 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 all these licences 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 Bulgaria and are in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect

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

of which applications for import licences were lodged after 12 February 1980.

In any case this authorization will not cover an amount representing 10 000 pieces. Such an amount shall be allocated between the abovementioned applicants, for which the applications for import licences are, on the date of this Decision, pending with the United Kingdom authorities :

CCT heading No	Description
ex 61.01 (NIMEXE codes 61.01-51, 54, 57) (category 16)	Men's and boys' woven suits (including coordinate suits consisting of two or three pieces, which are ordered, packed, consigned and normally sold together), of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres, excluding ski-suits

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until 30 June 1980.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 3 March 1980.

For the Commission

Richard BURKE

Member of the Commission