COMMISSION DECISION

of 14 July 1980

autorizing the French Republic not to apply Community treatment to gloves, mittens and mitts, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized, impregnated or coated with artificial plastic materials, falling within heading No ex 60.02 of the Common Customs Tariff (category 10), originating in Taiwan and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the French text is authentic)

(80/747/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 application under the first paragraph of Article 115 of the Treaty, made on 8 July 1980 by the French Government to the Commission of the European Communities, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to glove, mittens and mitts, knitted or crocheted not elastic or rubberized, impregnated or coated with artificial plastic materials, falling within heading No ex 60.02 of the Common Customs Tariff (category 10), 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 to a Community quantitative quota allocated among the Member States by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3020/77 of 30 December 1977 (1), confirmed by Council Regulation (EEC) No 255/78 of 7 February 1978 (2);

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 and a progressive decline in its market share;

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;

Whereas, although the imports which gave rise to the application submitted would appear to be an isolated operation, they are nevertheless 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 80/47/EEC of 20 December 1979 (3) and in particular Article 3 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 in view of the small amount involved,

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 Taiwan and are in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after the date of the adoption of this Decision:

CCT heading No	Description
ex 60.02 (NIMEXE codes 60.02-40) (category 10)	Gloves, mittens and mitts, knitted or crocheted not elastic or rubberized, impregnated or coated with artificial plastic materials

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until new opportunities arise in France for the importation of these products

(1) OJ No L 357, 31. 12. 1977, p. 51.
(2) OJ No L 39, 9. 2. 1978, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 16, 22. 1. 1980, p. 14.

from Taiwan or until 31 December 1980, whichever is the earlier.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 14 July 1980.

For the Commission

Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Vice-President