COMMISSION DECISION

of 1 August 1980

authorizing the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands not to apply Community treatment to shirts, T-shirts, lightweight fine knit roll, polo or turtle necked jumpers and pullovers, undervests and the like, falling within heading No ex 60.04 of the Common Customs Tariff (category 4), originating in Romania and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the Dutch and French texts are authentic)

(80/899/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 30 July 1980 by the Benelux Governments to the Commission of the European Communities, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to shirts, T-shirts, lightweight fine knit roll, polo or turtle necked jumpers and pullovers, undervests and the like, falling within heading No ex 60.04 of the Common Customs Tariff (category 4), originating in Romania and in free circulation in the other Member States,

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

Whereas, under that Agreement, Romania 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 occassion 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 and a progressive decline in its market share ;

Whereas further indirect imports, in addition to those already made or proposed, would be likely 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 Commisison Decision 80/47/EEC of 20 December 1979 [1], 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 Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands are authorized not to apply Community treatment to the products indicated below, where they originate in Romania and are in free circulation in the other Member States, an in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after the date of the adoption of this Decision :

CCT heading No	Description
ex 60.04 (NIMEXE-codes 60.04-19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 41, 50, 58, 71, 79, 89) (category 4)	Shirts, T-shirts, lightweight fine knit roll, polo or turtle necked jumpers and pullovers, undervests and the like, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized, other than babies' garments of cotton or synthetic textile fibres ; T-shirts and lightweight fine knit roll, polo or turtle necked jumpers and pullovers of regenerated textile fibres, other than babies' garments

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until new opportunities arise in the Benelux countries for the importation of

[1] OJ No L 16, 22. 1. 1980, p. 14.

these products from Romania or until 31 December 1980, whichever is the earlier.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Neterlands.

Done at Brussels, 1 August 1980.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission