COMMISSION DECISION

of 18 March 1981

authorizing the United Kingdom not to apply Community treatment to woven fabrics of synthetic fibres (discontinuous or waste) originating in South Korea

(Only the English text is authentic)

(81/202/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 Commisson 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 9 March 1981 a request was made under the first paragraph of Article 115 of the Treaty by the United Kingdom to the Commission of the European Communities for authorization not to apply Community treatment to woven fabrics of synthetic fibres (discontinuous or waste), falling within subheading 56.07 A of the Common Customs Tariff (category 3), originating in South Korea and in free circulation in the other Member States ;

Whereas the importation into the Community of the products in question originating in South Korea is covered by an Agreement negotiated between the Community and that country : whereas under that Agreement South Korea has undertaken to take all necessary steps to limit its exports of the products in question to the Community within certain ceilings ;

Whereas, in order to implement that Agreement and take account of its characteristics, the Council adopted Regulation (EEC) No 3059/78 [2] introducing specific common rules for imports of certain textile products ;

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 ceiling 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, with regard to the situation of the industry concerned, the information received by the Commission indicates that total imports of the products in question, originating in third countries, have increased from 22 461 tonnes in 1978 to 27 045 tonnes in 1979, and to 32 975 tonnes in 1980 ;

Whereas the market share taken by those imports has risen from 32·5 % in 1978 to 35 % in 1979 and to 61 % in 1980 ;

Whereas the prices of the products in question, originating in South Korea, are considerably below the prices of like products manufactured in the United Kingdom ;

Whereas output of like products in the United Kingdom amounted from 33 308 tonnes in 1978 to 33 635 tonnes in 1979 and 22 195 tonnes in 1980 ;

Whereas the consumption in the United Kingdom has fallen from 77 525 tonnes in 1979 to 54 065 tonnes in 1980 ;

Whereas there have been redundancies and the numbers employed in this industry have fallen from 36 900 in 1978 to 29 400 in 1980 ;

Whereas applications for import documents covering 59 274 tonnes are duly pending with the authorities of the Member State having made the request, these applications do not need to be covered by such authorization ;

Whereas further indirect imports, in addition to those already admitted or planned, would be likely to aggravate these difficulties 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,

[1] OJ No L 16, 22. 1. 1980, p. 14.
[2] OJ No L 365, 27. 12. 1978, p. 1.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The United Kingdom is authorized not to apply Community treatment to the products indicated below, originating in South Korea and in free circulation in the other Member States, in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 9 March 1981.

CCT heading No	Description
56.07 A (NIMEXE codes 56.07-01, 04, 05, 07, 08, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 32, 33, 34, 36) (category 3)	Woven fabrics of synthetic fibres (discontinuous or waste) other than narrow woven fabrics, pile fabrics (including terry fabrics) and chenille fabrics

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until 30 September 1981.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 18 March 1981.

For the Commission

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Vice-President