COMMISSION DECISION

of 1 June 1981

authorizing the United Kingdom not to apply Community treatment to tents originating in Taiwan

(Only the English text is authentic)

(81/611/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 Commission 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 22 May 1981 a request was made under the first paragraph of Article 115 of the Treaty by the United Kingdom Government to the Commission of the European Communities for authorization not to apply Community treatment to tents falling within heading No ex 62.04 of the Common Customs Tariff (category 91), 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, under Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3020/77 [2], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2604/78 [3], to a Community quantitative quota ;

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 quota 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 these disparities in the commercial policy measures applied by the Member States have resulted in deflections of trade, in that since 1 January 1981 the United Kingdom has admitted the products in question in free circulation, originating in the said third country, which amount approximately to 38 % of the direct quota ;

Whereas, with regard to the situation of the industry concerned, the information received by the Commission indicates that imports of the products in question, originating in third countries, amounted to 695 tonnes in 1978, 903 tonnes in 1979 and 690 tonnes in 1980 ;

Whereas output of like products in the United Kingdom has fallen from 4 900 tonnes in 1978 to 3 500 tonnes in 1980 ;

Whereas the domestic consumption has fallen from 6 498 tonnes in 1978 to 5 579 tonnes in 1980 ;

Whereas numbers employed has fallen from 5 000 in 1978 to 4 200 in 1980 and several firms are on short-time working ;

Whereas further indirect imports, in addition to those already admitted, 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,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The United Kingdom is authorized not to apply community treatment to the products indicated below, originating in Taiwan and in free circulation in the other Member States in respect of which applications

(1) OJ No L 16, 22. 1. 1980, p. 14.
(2) OJ No L 357, 31. 12. 1977, p. 51.
(3) OJ No L 317, 10. 11. 1978, p. 1.

for import licences were lodged after 20 May 1981.

CCT heading No	Description
ex 62.04 (NIMEXE codes 62.04-23, 73) (category 91)	Tents

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until 31 October 1981.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 1 June 1981.

For the Commission

Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Vice-President