COMMISSION DECISION

of 11 August 1981

authorizing Ireland not to apply Community treatment to jerseys, pullovers, slip-overs, waistcoats, twinsets, cardigans, bedjackets and jumpers, knitted or crocheted, originating in South Korea

(Only the English text is authentic)

(81/756/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 29 July 1981 a request was made under the first paragraph of Article 115 of the Treaty by the Irish Government to the Commission of the European Communities for authorization not to apply Community treatment to jerseys, pullovers, slip-overs, waistcoats, twinsets, cardigans, bedjackets and jumpers, knitted or crocheted, falling within subheadings 60.05 A I and ex II of the Common Customs Tariff (category 5), 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 these disparities in the commercial policy measures applied by the Member States have resulted in deflections of trade, in that since 1 January 1981 Ireland has admitted 60 784 pieces of the products in question in free circulation, originating in the said third country;

Whereas, with regard to the situation of the industry concerned, the information obtained by the Commission indicates that total imports of the products in question originating in third countries have amounted to 876 000 pieces in 1979 and to 687 000 pieces in 1980; whereas the market share taken by those imports has risen from 10 % in 1979 to 15 % in 1980;

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

Whereas output of like products in Ireland has fallen from 5 212 000 pieces in 1979 to 4 700 000 pieces in 1980;

Whereas there have been redundancies and short-time working has increased considerably;

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,

[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

Ireland 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 the date of adoption of this Decision :

CCT heading No	Description
60.05 A I and ex II (NIMEXE codes 60.05-01, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43) (category 5)	Jerseys, pullovers, slip-overs, waistcoats, twinsets, cardigans, bed-jackets and jumpers, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized, of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until new opportunities arise in Ireland for the importation of the products in question originating in South Korea, or until 31 December 1981, whichever is the earlier.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 11 August 1981.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission