REGULATION (EEC) No 2631/73 OF THE COUNCIL

of 27 September 1973

providing for licences for the import of cotton yarn into the United Kingdom from non-member countries

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1025/70 [1] of 25 May 1970 establishing common rules for imports from non-member countries, and in particular Article 11 (1) thereof;

After consultation with the Advisory Committee set up by Article 5 of that Regulation;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas in response to a request from the British Government the Commission, by Regulation (EEC) No 1831/73 [2] of 4 July 1973 providing for licences for the import of cotton yarn into the United Kingdom originating in and coming from non-member countries, took interim protective measures limiting the importation into the United Kingdom of cotton yarn;

Whereas it appears from the information supplied by the British Government, in particular during the consultation in the abovementioned Committee, and also from other information, that until 1 April 1973, the date on which Regulation (EEC) No 1025/70 came into operation in the United Kingdom, importation into the United Kingdom of the products in question was subject to quantitative restrictions in relation to the countries concerned; whereas the increase in such imports which would follow the liberalization thereof would be likely to cause substantial injury, which it would be difficult to repair, to the cotton spinning industry in the United Kingdom and to affect the employment situation by jeopardizing the reconversion process in that industry;

Whereas interim protective measures must therefore be taken and should consist in a limitation on the importation of cotton yarn;

Whereas to remove the threat of injury, protective measures should be adopted for a period extending up to 31 December 1973;

Whereas given that the threat of substantial injury originated in imports intended for United Kingdom markets, it appears justified at present, having regard to existing trade flows, to restrict the application of protective measures to imports into the United Kingdom;

Whereas these imports should be restricted to the relevant level in the United Kingdom before 1 April 1973;

Whereas these protective measures may be amended or repealed in the light of the trend in imports into other regions of the Community,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The importation into the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the non-member countries listed in Annex II to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1025/70, excepting those countries set out in the Annex hereto, of the products shown below shall be subject to production of an import licence, and the total tonnage so imported during the period 1 April 1973 to 31 December 1973 inclusive shall not exceed the number of metric tons indicated against the names of those products:

CCT heading No		
55.05	Cotton yarn, not put up for retail sale	12 750 metric tons
55.06	Cotton yarn, put up for retail sale	

[1] OJ No L 124, 8. 6. 1970, p. 6.
[2] OJ No L 185, 7. 7. 1973, p. 13.

2. The imports licences referred to in paragraph 1 shall be issued by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 27 September 1973.

For the Council

The President

I. NØRGAARD

ANNEX

Australia
Austria
Canada
Cyprus
Finland
Greece
Iceland
Israel
Lebanon
Malta
Morocco
New Zealand
Norway
Portugal
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland (including Liechtenstein)
Tunisia
Turkey
USA