REGULATION (EEC) No 300/74 OF THE COMMISSION

of 5 February 1974

subjecting to authorization the importation into Italy of tape recorders from Taïwan

THE COMMISSION 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 third countries, and in particular Article 10 thereof;

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

Whereas, according to statistics and other information supplied by the Italian Government, imports of tape recorders from Taïwan into Italy have increased considerably during the last year; whereas this information discloses that imports which amounted to 500 units in 1969, 2 690 in 1970, 3 745 in 1971 and 16 965 in 1972 have increased to 42 737 during the first eight months of 1973; whereas these goods are imported at relatively low prices (about 4 000 lira each);

Whereas during the same period the annual Italian production of these products decreased from 380 000 to approximately 136 000 in 1972, but recovered slightly during 1973 (to approximately 200 000 machines) on account in particular of the effects resulting from the process of reorganization in which the Italian tape-recording industry has been engaged;

Whereas it is clear from the facts given that tape recorders are being imported into Italy in such greatly increased quantities and on terms such as to threaten to hinder the process of reorganization of the Italian tape-recording industry and cause it substantial damage; whereas it would be difficult to remedy such damage unless immediate action were taken in respect of imports from Taïwan;

Whereas at the present time the imports in question are being particularly detrimental to Italy but are not so far causing the same damage to other regions of the Community; whereas it is consequently justifiable to limit the protective measures to imports into Italy;

Whereas these measures must limit imports at a level which would take account both of the production and consumption situation in Italy and of the growth of imports from Taïwan and other third countries in recent years; whereas a level should therefore be fixed of 20 000 machines for 1974;

Whereas these provisional protective measures should be capable of being amended or repealed as required by the development of the situation on the Community markets and particularly in Italy and might be extended to other parts of the Community or to the entire Community if future trends in the imports in question should threaten to cause substantial damage to producers in areas other than Italy,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The importation from Taïwan into Italy of the products listed below shall be subject to the production of an import authorization and shall not exceed in respect of the period 1 January 1974 to 31 December 1974, the number of units given below:

CCT heading No	Description	Amount
92.11 A III	Combined sound recorders and reproducers	20 000 units

2. The import authorizations referred to in paragraph 1 shall be issued by the Italian Republic.

Article 2

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

It shall apply until the entry into force of appropriate measures to be taken by the Council in accordance with Article 10 (6) of Regulation (EEC) No 1025/70 and for a period of six weeks at the latest after their entry into force.

[1] OJ No L 124, 8. 6. 1970, p. 6.

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

Done at Brussels, 5 February 1974.

For the Commission

The President

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