REGULATION (EEC) No 335/74 OF THE COMMISSION

of 8 February 1974

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

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 non-member countries, and in particular Article 10 thereof ;

After a meeting of the Consultative Committee set up under Article 5 of that Regulation ;

Whereas on 17 December 1973 the British Government requested, as urgent measures under Article 10 of Regulation (EEC) No 1025/70, the renewal of the licensing system which had been established by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2631/73 of 27 September 1973 [2] for the import into the United Kingdom of cotton yarn, originating in and coming from third countries ;

Whereas from the statistical data and other information supplied by the British Government during consultations in the Consultative Committee, it appears that to liberalize imports of cotton yarn with regard to the countries listed in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 1025/70 would, in the present circumstances, again involve the threat of serious damage which would be difficult to repair for the British cotton-spinning industry, especially as regards employment, by disrupting the reconversion process in that industry ;

Whereas provisional protective measures limiting imports of cotton yarn must therefore be taken immediately ;

Whereas the threat of serious damage stems from the imports intended for the market in the United Kingdom, and whereas in view of the existing pattern of trade it seems justified, at present to limit these protective measures to imports into the United Kingdom ;

Whereas these provisional protective measures must be defined in such a way as to facilitate the process of reconversion and to allow the liberalization of the imports in question by the end of 1974 ;

Whereas, taking into account production and consumption in the United Kingdom, as well as the trend in imports from non-member countries which have increased substantially following the liberalization of imports into the United Kingdom from certain Mediterranean countries under agreements between the Community and these countries, it is appropriate to limit these imports at a level which corresponds to that fixed for 1973 ;

Whereas these provisional protective measures will be applicable until the entry into force of suitable measures to be taken by the Council within six weeks at the latest after the entry into force of this Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

1. Imports into the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland of the products listed below originating in and coming from the non-member countries listed in Annex II to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1025/70, excepting those countries listed in the Annex to this Regulation, are subject to the submission of an import licence and are limited, during the period 1 January 1974 to 31 December 1974, to the following quantities :

CCT heading No		
55.05	Cotton yarn not put up for retail sale	17 000 metric tons
55.06	Cotton yarn put up for retail sale	

2. The import licences provided for in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be issued by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

(1) OJ No L 124, 8. 6. 1970, p. 6.
(2) OJ No L 272, 29. 9. 1973, p. 16.

Article 2

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

It shall be applicable until the entry into force of suitable measures to be taken by the Council, in accordance with Article 10 (6) of Regulation (EEC) No 1025/70, and until six weeks at the latest after its entry into force.

Done at Brussels, 8 February 1974.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

ANNEX

Annex referred to in Article 1

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