REGULATION (EEC) No 1414/75 OF THE COMMISSION

of 30 May 1975

suspending the issue of authorizations for imports into the Federal Republic of Germany of woven cotton fabrics unbleached and bleached, originating in the Federative Republic of Brazil

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community ;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1439/74 (1) of 4 June 1974 on common rules for imports, and in particular Article 12 thereof ;

Having consulted the Advisory Committee set up under Article 5 of the said Regulation ;

Whereas the German Government has requested the Commission to take urgent protective measures concerning imports of woven fabrics of cotton, unbleached and bleached, originating in the Federative Republic of Brazil ;

Whereas imports of these products into Germany, where they have not been subject to any restriction, have in the past few years increased sharply and substantially ; whereas these imports increased from 2 706 metric tons in 1972 to 4 364 metric tons in 1974 and their growth rate was considerably higher than that for imports from other third countries ;

Whereas the products in question are offered for sale on the German market at prices considerably lower than those prevailing for similar products originating in the Community or in other third countries ;

Whereas this development has occurred to the detriment of the Community industry in the Federal Republic of Germany, where production has decreased considerably and the employment situation has deteriorated over the past few years ;

Whereas imports of the products in question originating in Brazil have therefore caused substantial injury to Community producers of similar products and have thereby caused market disruption ;

Whereas this situation has become further aggravated since the beginning of 1975 as the imports in question continue to grow, with the result that the import documents issued during the first four months of this year by the competent authorities in the Federal Republic of Germany represent more than twice the imports effected in 1974 ;

Whereas in these circumstances any delay would result in injury which it would be difficult to remedy and whereas immediate action to safeguard the interests of the Community is therefore necessary ;

Whereas the consultations which the Commission has opened with the Brazilian authorities in conformity with Article 3 of the arrangements regarding international trade in textiles (2) have demonstrated that these highly unusual and critical circumstances necessitate an immediate limitation of imports of woven fabrics of cotton, unbleached and bleached, originating in Brazil ;

Whereas this substantial injury is caused by imports into the Federal Republic of Germany, and whereas it appears justified having regard to the existing trade flows, to limit for the moment the application of these protective measures to those imports ;

Whereas because of the volume of imports covered by import documents already issued in 1975 it is necessary to suspend the issue of import authorizations by the competent authorities in Germany for a period of one year, it being understood that these authorities will not prevent the import of products accompanied by import documents issued before the entry into force of these protective measures ;

Whereas these protective measures are not intended to pre-judge the result of the negotiations which the Community proposes to open with the Federative Republic of Brazil in conformity with the arrangement regarding international trade in textiles ;

Whereas these temporary protective measures should apply until the entry into force of appropriate measures to be taken by the Council and at the latest until the expiry of a period of six weeks after their entry into force,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

1. The importation into the Federal Republic of Germany of the products as indicated hereunder originating in the Federative Republic of Brazil is hereby made subject to the presentation of an import authori-

(1) OJ No L 159, 15. 6. 1974, p. 1.

(2) OJ No L 118, 30. 4. 1974, p. 1.

zation issued by the competent authorities in Germany :

CCT heading No	Description of goods
ex 55.09	Woven fabrics of cotton, unbleached and bleached

The issue of these import authorizations is hereby suspended until 31 May 1976.

2. The provisions of paragraph 1 shall not prevent imports of the products in question accompanied by import documents issued by the competent authorities in Germany before the entry into force of this Regulation.

Article 2

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

2. It shall apply until the entry into force of appropriate measures taken by the Council under Article 12 (6) of Regulation (EEC) No 1439/74 and at the latest until the expiry of a period of six weeks after its entry into force.

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

Done at Brussels, 30 May 1975.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI