REGULATION (EEC) No 1522/75 OF THE COMMISSION

of 13 June 1975

subjecting to authorization imports into France of knitted gloves originating in the Republic of Korea

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 imports of knitted gloves originating in the Republic of Korea have increased sharply and substantially in the past few years ;

Whereas this development has manifested itself principally on the French market, with the result that, according to information furnished by the French authorities, imports have increased from 271 000 pairs in 1972 to about 2·7 million pairs in 1974 ;

Whereas these products are offered for sale on the market principally affected at prices which are substantially below those prevailing for similar goods produced in France ;

Whereas, according to the information available to the Commmission, these imports already represented at the end of 1974 a market share of approximately 20 % of French consumption and equalled 75 % of the production of this sector in France ;

Whereas this development has taken place to the detriment of the Community industry and particularly of the French industry, whose production has fallen considerably over the past few years and where 30 % of the staff employed have become unemployed since 1973 ;

Whereas all these factors have caused market disruption and have caused substantial injury to Community producers ;

Whereas a further sharp and substantial increase in imports of these forecasted products may be considered to be imminent in view of the fact that imports into France for the period January to May 1975 amounted to more than 2·5 million pairs and whereas, in the absence of immediate protective measures, this aggravation of the injury already caused to Community producers would make it difficult to remedy ;

Whereas these highly unusual and critical circumstances, which the Commission have made known to the Korean authorities in consultations which have been opened with them in accordance with Article 3 of the Arrangement regarding international trade in textiles [2], make it necessary that immediate action be taken to safeguard the interests of the Community, these measures to consist of the introduction of temporary limitation of imports, in accordance with the provisions of the said Arrangement, accounting being taken, however, of the interests of Korea, especially in regard to its stage of development and the importance of the textiles sector to the economy of that country ;

Whereas this substantial injury originates in imports into France and whereas it appears to be justified, for the moment, bearing in mind existing trade flows, to limit the application of these protective measures to those imports ;

Whereas these measures are without prejudice to the result of the consultations and negotiations which, in accordance with the said Arrangement, are at the moment taking place between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Korea, and whereas they may be adapted having regard to the results of these negotiations,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The importation into France of gloves, mittens and mitts, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized, corresponding to Nimexe Code :

60.02-40 (gloves impregnated or coated with artificial plastic materials), and

60.02-60 (other : of synthetic textile fibres),

originating in the Republic of Korea is hereby made subject to the presentation of an import authorization issued by the competent authorities of the importing country.

The total quantity of the product for which import authorizations shall be issued during a period of six months commencing on the date of entry into force of this Regulation shall not exceed 1·35 million pairs.

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

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

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 to be taken by the Council in accordance with Articles 12 (6) and 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 1439/74 or until the expiry of a period of six weeks after its entry into force, whichever is the sooner.

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

Done at Brussels, 13 June 1975.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI