REGULATION (EEC) No 2138/75 OF THE COMMISSION

of 14 August 1975

regarding certain urgent measures concerning imports of certain textile products 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 into the Community of the textile products mentioned in the lists set out in Annexes I and II originating in the Republic of Korea have increased sharply and substantially in the past few years ;

Whereas the products concerned are generally offered for sale on the markets affected at prices considerably lower than those prevailing for similar goods produced by the Community producers ;

Whereas, according to the information available to the Commission, these imports represent a substantial and growing share of the market in the affected regions of the Community ;

Whereas this development, in conjunction with the pressure of imports from other third countries, has taken place to the detriment of the Community industry, whose production has declined considerably over the past few years and where a substantial proportion of workers have become unemployed ;

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 products may be considered to be imminent 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, in accordance with Article 3 of the arrangement regarding international trade in textiles (2), the Commission have made known to the Korean authorities in consultations with them, 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, account being taken, however, of the interests of Korea, especially in regard to its stage of development and the importance of the textiles sector to its economy ;

Whereas, as a result of the considerable disparities between the conditions to which imports into the Member States are at present subject, and because of the particular sensitivity of the Community textile industry, it is only possible to harmonize these conditions in a progressive manner and whereas it is opportune to this end to apply, as a criterion for the allocation of import possibilities, in particular the relationship between the imports previously effected in the different Member States ;

Whereas it appears to be justified, for the moment, bearing in mind existing trade flows, to limit the application of the protective measures for certain products to certain regions of the Community ;

Whereas, so far as Ireland is concerned, the measures relating to CCT heading Nos 60.04 and 61.03 need only be applied with effect from the expiration of the system of authorizations for imports into that country of certain textile products originating in the Republic of Korea which was established by Council Regulation (EEC) No 766/75 (3) ;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

1. The importation into the Community of the textile products set out in the list in Annex I hereto and originating in the Republic of Korea is hereby made subject to the production of an import authorization issued by the competent authorities of the importing Member State.

2. The total quantity of the products for which import authorizations shall be issued during the

(1) OJ No L 159, 15. 6. 1974, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 118, 30. 4. 1974, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 77, 23. 3. 1975, p. 1.

period commencing on the date of entry into force of this Regulation and ending on 31 December 1975 shall not exceed the amounts indicated in the list cited in paragraph 1, allocated among the Member States in accordance with the said list.

Article 2

1. The importation into the Member States indicated in the list in Annex II of the textile products set out in that list is hereby made subject to the production of an import authorization issued by the competent authorities of the importing Member State.

2. The total quantity of the products for which import authorizations shall be issued during the period commencing on the day of entry into force of this Regulation and ending on 31 December 1975 shall not exceed the amounts indicated, for each Member State concerned, in the list cited in paragraph 1.

Article 3

1. This Regulation shall enter into force on 18 August 1975.

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.

3. However, so far as Ireland is concerned, the measures concerning the products relevant to CCT heading Nos 60.04 and 61.03 shall apply only with effect from 1 September 1975 and those affecting products relevant to CCT heading No 61.03 shall also apply to women's and girl's shirts and blouses of synthetic textile fibres relevant to CCT heading No ex 61.04.

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

Done at Brussels, 14 August 1975.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

ANNEX I

CCT heading No	Nimexe code No	Description of goods	Geographical scope of application	Quantities in units
ex 60.04		Under garments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized : — Shirts, T-shirts, undervests, singlets and the like	EEC BNL D DK F IRL I UK	1 956 344 297 758 682 110 14 535 496 875 62 000 45 713 357 353
ex 60.05	60.05-01, 21 to 39	Outer garments and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized : — Jerseys, pull-overs, slip-overs, twinsets, cardigans, bed-jackets and jumpers	EEC BNL D DK F IRL I UK	8 910 020 2 769 030 1 293 550 39 010 118 190 88 450 282 740 4 319 050
ex 61.03	61.03-11, 15 and 19	Men's and boys' under garments : — Shirts	EEC BNL D DK F IRL I UK	10 658 170 2 273 200 6 912 540 100 500 106 340 50 000 120 870 1 094 720 (1)

(1) Plus any unused portion of the existing quota for cotton and cotton-polyester products.

ANNEX II

CCT heading No	Nimexe code No	Description of goods	Geographical scope of application	Quantities
ex 51.04 A	51.04-07, 11 to 48	Woven fabrics of synthetic textile fibres (continuous), including woven fabrics of monofil or strip of subheading 51.01 A or 51.02 A, other than fabrics for tyres or fabrics containing elastomeric yarn	United Kingdom (1)	4 791 615 m^2
ex 56.05 A	56.05-24	Yarn of synthetic textile fibres (discontinuous or waste) containing 85 % or more by weight of synthetic textile fibres, unbleached or bleached, other than single, measuring, per single yarn, more than 14 000 m per kg not put up for retail sale	Federal Republic of Germany	740 metric tons
ex 61.01	61.01-73	Men's and boys' outer garments : — Jackets, blazers and the like of synthetic textile fibres	Federal Republic of Germany	408 000 units
ex 61.02 B	61.02-81 to 89	Women's, girls' and infants' outer garments : — Shirts and blouses	Benelux	581 250 units

(1) Plus any unused portion of the existing quota for cotton-polyester products.