# REGULATION (EEC) No 2930/75 OF THE COMMISSION

## of 7 November 1975

## establishing interim protective measures with regard to imports into France and the United Kingdom of certain textile products originating in the Republic of Korea and in Taiwan

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;

Consultations having taken place within the Advisory Committee set up under Article 5 thereof;

Whereas imports into France of synthetic socks, corresponding to Nimexe positions 60.03-25 and 60.03-27, and originating in the Republic of Korea and in Taiwan, have increased sharply and substantially over the past few years, namely, from 277 000 pairs in 1974 to 1·8 million pairs during the first eight months of 1975;

Whereas these products are offered for sale at prices which are considerably below those prevailing for similar goods produced in France by Community producers;

Whereas this development has taken place to the detriment of the Community industry in France where production has declined considerably over the past few years and where approximately 25 % of the workforce have become unemployed;

Whereas, furthermore, a further sharp and substantial increasing in imports of these products may be expected shortly, since applications for import documents have been made, over the past few months, at a monthly rate of nearly one million pairs;

Whereas, with regard to imports into France and the United Kingdom of synthetic textile yarn, particularly acrylic yarn, originating in South Korea, import documents have been issued or endorsed by the authorities in these two countries over the past few months for quantities which have sharply and substantially increased and which are equivalent, in in France, to a third of the domestic production of similar goods,

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

Whereas these products are offered for sale, on the markets principally affected, at prices which are substantially below those prevailing for goods produced by Community producers of similar goods in France and the United Kingdom;

Whereas this development has taken place to the detriment of the Community production in France and the United Kindom where, according to the authorities there, production has declined by about 25 % between 1974 and 1975 and employment has been considerably reduced;

Whereas all these factors involve a disruption of the market and cause substantial injury to Community producers and, unless immediate interim, protective measures, which have been requested by the British and the French Governments, are taken the injury already suffered by the producers in these two countries will be further aggravated;

Whereas these circumstances make it necessary that immediate action be taken to safeguard the interests of the Community, this action to consist in the introduction of interim protective measures with regard to these imports;

Whereas these measures are without prejudice to the result of the consultations and negotiations which are at the moment taking place between the Community and the Republic of Korea, and whereas they may be adopted in the light of the results of these negotiations,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

The importation into France of synthetic textile yarn originating in the Republic of Korea and of synthetic socks originating in the Republic of Korea and in Taiwan, as set out hereunder, is hereby made subject to the production of an import authorization issued by the competent French authorities. Until 31 December 1975 such authorization shall be granted on production of an import declaration endorsed by those authorities before the entry into force of this Regulation.

| CCT heading No | NIMEXE Position No | Description of product | Country of origin |
|---|---|---|---|
| ex 56.05 A | 56.05-24 | Yarn of synthetic textile fibres (discontinuous or waste) containing 85 % or more by weight of synthetic fibres, unbleached or bleached, other than single, measuring, per single yarn, more than 14 000 m/kg, not put up for retail sale | Republic of Korea |
| ex 60.03 | 60.03-25 and 60.03-27 | Stockings, other than women's, understockings, socks, ankle socks, sockettes and the like, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized, of synthetic textile fibres | Republic of Korea and Taiwan |

*Article 2*

1. The importation into the United Kingdom of the products indicated hereunder, originating in the Republic of Korea, is hereby made subject to the production of an import authorization issued by the competent authorities in the United Kingdom.

| CCT heading No | NIMEXE Position No | Description of product | Country of origin |
|---|---|---|---|
| ex 56.05 A | 56.05-24 | Yarn of synthetic textile fibres (discontinuous or waste) containing 85 % or more by weight of synthetic fibres, unbleached or bleached, other than single, measuring, per single yarn, more than 14 000 m/kg, not put up for retail sale | Republic of Korea |

The issue of such import authorizations is hereby suspended until 31 December 1975.

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

*Article 3*

1. This Regulation shall enter into force on the second 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, 7 November 1975.

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