REGULATION (EEC) No 3339/75 OF THE COMMISSION
of 22 December 1975
establishing interim protective measures with regard to imports into the United Kingdom of cotton yarn and of certain fabrics originating in Spain and Portugal

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Regulation (EEC) No 1525/70 (1) on protective measures provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Spain;

Having regard to Regulation (EEC) No 2845/72 (2) on protective measures provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Portugese Republic;

Having consulted the Advisory Committees set up under the said Regulations;

Whereas imports into the United Kingdom of cotton yarn and of certain fabrics originating in Spain and in Portugal have increased sharply and substantially over the past few years;

Whereas the said products are generally offered for sale, on the market affected, at prices which are below those prevailing for similar goods produced by Community producers;

Whereas such imports, added to those from other third countries which are generally subject to limitation, represent a substantial and growing share of the market in the region of the Community concerned;

Whereas this development has taken place to the detriment of the British industry where production has declined considerably over the past few years and where a large proportion of the work-force have become unemployed;

Whereas all these factors involve a disruption of the market and cause substantial injury to Community producers;

Whereas, therefore, the British Government have established quantitative restrictions, with effect from 18 December 1975, on imports of these products and have notified the Commission of the measures taken;

Whereas it appears justified to maintain these measures in effect, on an interim basis, until the application by the exporting countries concerned of appropriate autolimitation measures or until 30 June 1976 whichever is the sooner,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The importation into the United Kingdom of cotton yarn, not put up for retail sale (CCT heading No 55.05) originating in Spain, shall be subject to the production of an import authorization issued by the competent authorities in the United Kingdom.

2. The total quantity of such products for which import authorizations shall be issued during the period from 18 December 1975 to 30 June 1976 shall not exceed 1 413 metric tons.

Article 2

1. The importation into the United Kingdom of cotton yarn, not put up for retail sale (CCT heading No 55.05) and of woven fabrics of man-made fibres (discontinuous or waste) (CCT heading No 56.07) originating in Portugal, shall be subject to the production of an import authorization issued by the competent authorities in the United Kingdom.

2. The total quantity of such products for which import authorizations shall be issued during the period from 18 December 1975 to 30 June 1976 shall not exceed 2 540 metric tons in the case of cotton yarn of heading No 55.05 and 1 149 metric tons in the case of fabrics of heading No 56.07.

Article 3

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

It shall apply until 30 June 1976 at the latest.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 December 1975.

For the Commission
The President
François-Xavier ORTOLI

(1) OJ No L 182, 16. 8. 1970, p. 175.
(2) OJ No L 301, 31. 12. 1972, p. 368.