REGULATION (EEC) No 3355/75 OF THE COMMISSION

of 23 December 1975

establishing interim measures with regard to imports of certain textile products originating in the Federal 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;

Having consulted the Committee provided for in Article 5 of the said Regulation;

Whereas imports into the Community of certain textile products originating in Brazil have increased sharply and substantially over the past few years;

Whereas the said products are generally offered for sale, on the markets of the Community affected, at prices which are below these 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 regions of the Community concerned;

Whereas this development has taken place to the detriment of the European textile industry where production has declined 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, for these reasons negotiations have been opened between the Community and Brazil under the arrangement regarding international trade in textiles;

Whereas, while awaiting the conclusion of these negotiations, it is necessary to ensure that an aggravation of the disruption of the Community market does not cause injury to Community producers which would be difficult to remedy and does not thwart the achievement of the results sought in negotiation;

Whereas, in the circumstances, it is desirable to establish, on an interim basis, a system of import authorizations so as to enable trade flows to be monitored,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Importation into the Community of the textile products set out in the Annex and originating in the Federal Republic of Brazil shall be or, where appropriate, shall remain subject to the production of an import authorization.

2. Such authorization shall be issued by the competent authorities in the importing Member State on submission of the importer's application.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*. It shall apply until the entry into force of the Council Regulation applying import rules which may be provided for in the Agreement to be negotiated between the European Economic Community and the Federal Republic of Brazil on trade in textiles or, in default thereof, until the entry into force of other 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, 23 December 1975.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Member of the Commission

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ANNEX

CCT heading No	Nimexe position	Description of goods
55.05	55.05-13 to 98	Cotton yarn, not put up for retail sale
ex 55.09		Other woven fabrics of cotton :
	55.09-01 ; 02 ; 11 ; 12 ; 13 ; 14 ; 15 ; 16 ; 17 ; 19 ; 21 ; 29 ; 31 ; 33 ; 35 ; 37 ; 38 ; 39 ; 41 ; 49 ; 68 ; ex 71 ; 72 ; 73 ; 74 ; 76 ; 77 ; 78	— Unbleached or bleached
ex 55.09		Other woven fabrics of cotton :
	55.09-03 ; 04 ; 05 ; 51 ; 52 ; 53 ; 54 ; 55 ; 56 ; 57 ; 59 ; 61 ; 63 ; 64 ; 65 ; 66 ; 67 ; 69 ; ex 71 ; 81 ; 82 ; 83 ; 84 ; 86 ; 87 ; 92 ; 93 ; 97	— Other than umbleached or bleached
ex 62.02 B	62.02-11 ; 41 ; 43 ; 47 ; 71 ; 72	Bed linen, table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen of cotton