REGULATION (EEC) No 348/75 OF THE COUNCIL

of 10 February 1975

setting up a system of licences for imports of cotton yarn into the United Kingdom from third countries

THE COUNCIL 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 from third countries, and in particular Article 12 thereof ;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ;

Having consulted the Advisory Committee established under Article 5 of that Regulation ;

Whereas, for the period from 1 April to 31 December 1973 and for the whole of 1974, by its Regulations (EEC) No 2631/73 (2) and (EEC) No 657/74 (3), the Council set up a system of licences for imports of cotton yarn into the United Kingdom from third countries ;

Whereas, further to a request from the United Kingdom Government, the Commission, acting under Article 12 of Regulation (EEC) No 1439/74, established by Regulation (EEC) No 3327/74 (4) a system of licences for imports into the United Kingdom of cotton yarn originating in and exported from third countries, under the same conditions as those provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 675/74 setting up the same system for 1974 ;

Whereas it appears from the statistics and other information supplied by the United Kingdom Government during consultations with the abovementioned Advisory Committee that the sudden liberalization of imports from the countries listed in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 1439/74 would, in present circumstances, still be likely to cause substantial injury, which would be difficult to repair, to the British cotton-spinning industry, especially since the volume of imports from Mediterranean countries has increased substantially ;

Whereas it is therefore necessary to extend the protective measures restricting imports of cotton yarn ;

Whereas, since the threat of substantial injury originates in imports intended for the United Kingdom market, it appears justified at present, in view of existing trade flows, to restrict the application of the protective measures to imports into the United Kingdom ;

Whereas the obligations resulting from the Arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles (5), and in particular the need to increase gradually the volume of imports of products subject to quantitative restrictions, require liberalization to be achieved by 31 March 1977 at the latest ;

Whereas it accordingly appears appropriate immediately to fix the level of restrictions for the entire period of gradual liberalization, that is until 31 March 1977 ;

Whereas these protective measures may be amended or revoked to take account of import trends in other regions of the Community,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

1. Imports into the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the third countries listed in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 1439/74, with the exception of those countries listed in the Annex hereto, of the products shown below shall be subject to production of an import licence and limited to the following quantities :

(1) OJ No L 159, 5. 6. 1974, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 272, 29. 9. 1973, p. 16.
(3) OJ No L 83, 21. 3. 1974, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 357, 31. 12. 1974, p. 14.
(5) OJ No L 118, 30. 4. 1974, p. 2.

CCT heading No	Description of products	Quantity	
		1975	1 January 1976 to 31 March 1977
55.05 55.06	Cotton yarn, not put up for retail sale Cotton yarn, put up for retail sale	20 000 metric tons	30 000 metric tons

2. The import licences referred to in paragraph 1 shall be issued by the United Kingdom.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 10 February 1975.

For the Council

The President

G. FITZGERALD

ANNEX

Arab Republic of Egypt
Australia
Austria
Canada
Cyprus
Finland
Greece
Iceland
Israel
Lebanon
Malta
Morocco
New Zealand
Norway
Portugal
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland (including Liechtenstein)
Tunisia
Turkey
USA