REGULATION (EEC) No 646/75 OF THE COMMISSION

of 13 March 1975

establishing Community surveillance over imports of slide fasteners

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 7 thereof ;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 109/70 (2) of 19 December 1969 establishing common rules for imports from state-trading countries, and in particular Article 6 (1) (a) and (b) thereof ;

Whereas consultations have been held within the Committees set up under Article 5 of each of the said Regulations ;

Whereas imports into the Community of slide fasteners, particularly of Japanese origin, have increased considerably in recent years ;

Whereas third country exporters have thus taken an increasing share of the market in the Community ;

Whereas these developments threaten to cause injury to Community producers of like or directly competing products ;

Whereas for these reasons it is necessary to be able to follow the trend of imports, both of those envisaged and of those actually effected ;

Whereas in this situation it is in the interests of the Community to establish, by means of the import document provided for in Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 1439/74 and in Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 109/70, Community surveillance over these imports ;

Whereas the period within which such document may be used should be fixed at three months ;

Whereas in order that the origin of the products concerned may be determined with certainty it is necessary to provide that this should be established by a certificate of origin ;

Whereas the object of this surveillance is purely documentary ; whereas since it will not affect in any way freedom of importation, it does not threaten to distort competition within the common market ; whereas, moreover, surveillance will not prejudge the conclusions which may be drawn from the current investigation into the competition situation in this sector by the Commission, which has a duty to ensure that the competition rules established by the Treaty are strictly applied,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Importation into the Community of slide fasteners and their parts, Nimexe Codes 98.02—10 and 98.02—90, is hereby made subject to Community surveillance in accordance with the procedures set out in Articles 8 and 11 of Regulation (EEC) No 1439/74, in Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 109/70 and in this Regulation.

Article 2

The putting into free circulation of the products specified in Article 1 shall be subject to production of an import document. This document may be used for a maximum period of three months.

Article 3

The declaration or application by the importer as provided for in Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 1439/74 and in Article 6 (1) (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 109/70 shall contain, in addition to the information prescribed in the said Articles, a breakdown by 100 pieces for complete zip fasteners and by piece or metre for parts thereof of quantities and of unit prices (cif free-at-frontier) in respect of each product imported, such product to be precisely defined by reference to its essential technical characteristics (constituent materials and dimensions).

Article 4

The origin of the products under Community surveillance shall be established by a certificate of origin.

Article 5

The particulars of imports effected to be communicated to the Commission pursuant to Article 11 (1) (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 1439/74 and to Article 6 (2) (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 109/70 shall include at least the following items :

— quantities, expressed in the units indicated in Article 3 of this Regulation ;

— value of the product imported, expressed in national currency.

(1) OJ No L 159, 15. 6. 1974, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 19, 26. 1. 1970, p. 1.

Article 6

Column 3 of Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 1439/74 is hereby amended by the addition of a reference to heading No 98.02 of the Common Customs Tariff.

Article 7

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*. It shall apply with effect from 1 May 1975 and shall expire on 30 June 1976.

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

Done at Brussels, 13 March 1975.

For the Commission

The President

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