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REGULATION (EEC) No 766/75 OF THE COUNCIL

of 25 March 1975

setting up a system of licences for imports into Ireland of certain textile products originating in the Republic of Korea

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 113 thereof;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1439/74 (1) of 4 June 1974 on common rules for imports, and in particular Articles 12 and 13 thereof;

After consultations with the Advisory Committee set up under Article 5 of that Regulation;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas imports originating in the Republic of Korea on to the Irish market have not previously been subject to restrictions; whereas the Irish authorities have recently recorded a sharp and substantial increase in imports of shirts of all fibres from that country;

Whereas the products concerned are offered for sale on the Irish market at prices substantially below those prevailing on that market for goods similar or of comparable quality;

Whereas in 1974 imports of such products greatly exceeded imports of similar products from all other sources outside the European Economic Community and likewise exceeded the 1973 volume of imports of similar products originating in that same country;

Whereas the aforementioned sharp substantial increase in imports of shirts originating in the Republic of Korea has had deleterious effects on the employment situation in the shirtmaking industry in Ireland since the latter half of 1974 with an acceleration in the rate of unemployment, increased short-time working and threats of permanent closure for many factories;

Whereas the Arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles (2), to which the European Economic Community and the Republic of Korea are both party provides particularly in Article 3, for consultations to be held with a view to removing market disruption caused by imports of certain textile products;

Whereas the Community has requested and held consultations with representatives of the Government of the Republic of Korea in accordance with Article 3 (3) of the aforesaid Arrangement;

Whereas it appears from the factors indicated above and from the statistics and other information supplied by the Irish authorities in the course of the consultations mentioned above that the Irish market is being disrupted by imports of shirts originating in the Republic of Korea;

Whereas, during the said consultations the representatives of the Government of the Republic of Korea indicated their willingness to cooperate in order to avoid disruption on the Irish market;

Whereas a further sharp substantial increase in imports of shirts originating in the Republic of Korea is believed to be imminent, and failure to take immediate protective action would result in further injury to the Irish textile industry in general and to Irish producers of like or directly competing products in particular, which would be difficult to remedy;

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

(2) OJ No L 118, 30. 4. 1974, p. 2.

Whereas, in view of the need to take measures urgently, the Commission has adopted, pursuant to Article 12 of Regulation (EEC) No 1439/74, Regulation (EEC) No 434/75 [1] of 21 February 1975, providing for a system of import authorizations with respect to imports into Ireland of certain textile products originating in the Republic of Korea; whereas, the Council should adopt appropriate measures pursuant to the aforementioned Article 12;

Whereas, given that the threat of substantial injury is due to imports intended for the Irish market, and in view of existing patterns of trade, it appears justified at present to restrict the application of the protective measures to the imports in question,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Imports into Ireland of the products listed below, originating in the Republic of Korea, shall be subject to the production of an import licence, to be issued by the competent Irish authorities on presentation of an export visa issued by the competent authorities of the Republic of Korea. The total quantities of such products for which import licences are issued during the period 1 March 1975 to 31 August 1975 shall not exceed the figures shown for such products.

CCT heading No	Description	Total quantities (dozens)
ex 60.04	Men's and boys' knitted or crocheted shirts of synthetic textile fibres	7 750
	Women's and girls' knitted or crocheted shirts of synthetic textile fibres	
	Knitted or crocheted cotton shirts	
ex 61.03	Men's and boys' shirts of synthetic textile fibres	6 250
ex 61.04	Women's and girls' shirts of synthetic textile fibres	

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, 25 March 1975.

For the Council

The President

R. RYAN

[1] OJ No L 48, 22. 2. 1975, p. 15.