COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 1229/76

of 25 May 1976

subjecting to authorization imports into the United Kingdom of sacks and bags of woven polyolefin fabrics originating in the Republic of Korea

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 of 4 June 1974 on common rules for imports (1), and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Having consulted the Advisory Committee set up under Article 5 of the said Regulation,

Whereas imports of sacks and bags of woven polyolefin fabrics (Nimexe code ex 62.03-96) originating in the Republic of Korea have increased sharply and substantially in the past year;

Whereas this development has manifested itself principally on the United Kingdom market with the result that imports, which were negligible in 1974, amounted to 1·7 million units in 1975, which represents a market share of about 10 %, to which must be added a further 25 % market share held by other third countries;

Whereas these products are offered for sale on the market principally affected at prices which are substantially below those prevailing for similar goods produced by Community producers;

Whereas this development has been carried out to the detriment of the Community industry in the United Kingdom, where employment has decreased by 40 % in one year;

Whereas all these factors have caused market disruption and have caused serious damage to the Community producers; whereas further unrestricted imports would aggravate the damage already caused and render it difficult to repair;

Whereas in these highly unusual and critical circumstances, it is necessary that immediate action be taken to safeguard the interests of the Community, these measures to consist of the introduction of temporary limitation of imports, in accordance with the provisions of the arrangement regarding international trade in textiles, account being taken, however, of the interests of Korea, especially in regard to its stage of development and the importance of the textiles sector to the economy of that country;

Whereas the concentration of imports of the products concerned on the United Kingdom market justifies the limitation, for the moment, of the application of these safeguard measures to imports into that region of the Community,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The importation into the United Kingdom of sacks and bags of woven polyolefin fabrics (Nimexe code ex 62.03-96) originating in the Republic of Korea, is hereby made subject to the presentation of an import authorization issued by the competent authorities of the importing country.

The total quantity of the products for which import authorizations shall be issued during a period of one year commencing on the date of entry into force of this Regulation shall not exceed 1 970 000 pieces.

Article 2

1. This Regulation shall enter into force on 26 May 1976.

2. It shall apply up to the entry into force of appropriate measures to be taken by the Council in accordance with Articles 12 (6) and 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 1439/74 and at the latest until the expiry of a period of six weeks after its entry into force.

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

Done at Brussels, 25 May 1976.

For the Commission

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Vice-President

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