COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 1369/76

of 15 June 1976

establishing interim protective measures with regard to imports into the Benelux countries of cotton yarn not put up for retail sale, originating in Mexico

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,

Consultations having taken place within the Advisory Committee set up under Article 5 thereof,

Whereas imports into the Benelux countries of cotton yarn not put up for retail sale, falling within heading No 55.05 of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Mexico, have increased sharply and substantially over the past few years, namely from 134 metric tons in 1973 to 4 085 metric tons in 1975;

Whereas these products are offered for sale at prices which are considerably below those prevailing for similar goods produced in the Benelux countries by Community producers;

Whereas this development has taken place to the detriment of the Community industry in the Benelux countries where production has declined considerably over the past few years and where employment has been considerably reduced;

Whereas all these factors involve a disruption of the market and cause substantial injury to Community producers and, unless interim protective measures which have been requested by the Governments of the Benelux countries, are taken the injury already suffered by the producers in this region will be further aggravated;

Whereas these circumstances make it necessary that immediate action be taken to safeguard the interests of the Community, this action to consist in the introduction of protective measures with regard to these imports;

Whereas these measures are without prejudice to the pursuit and to the result of consultations and negotiations which are at the moment taking place between the Community and the United States of Mexico; whereas they may be adapted in the light of the results of these consultations and negotiations,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The importation into the Benelux countries of cotton yarn not put up for retail sale, falling within heading No 55.05 of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Mexico is hereby made subject to the production of an import authorization issued by the competent authorities of the Benelux countries.

The quantity of such products for which import authorizations into the Benelux countries shall be issued during a period of one year dating from the entry into force of this Regulation, shall not exceed 4 085 metric tons.

Article 2

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

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, 15 June 1976.

For the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 159, 15. 6. 1974, p. 1.