COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 1887/76

of 29 July 1976

subjecting to authorization imports into Italy of electric filament lamps originating in certain European State-trading countries

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 109/70 of 19 December 1969 on common rules for imports from State-trading countries (1), and in particular Article 7 thereof,

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

Whereas the imports on the Italian market of electric filament lamps originating in European State-trading countries, which up to now, were not subjected to quantitative restrictions, have increased sharply (according to the information provided by the Italian authorities, from approximately six million items in 1971 they have increased to 18·3 million items in 1975);

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

Whereas consequently these imports represented in 1975 a market share of 78 % of the total imports from third countries and 13 % of the Italian consumption;

Whereas this development occurred to the detriment of the industry in Italy, where production has decreased considerably in the past years and where more than 20 factories have been forced to cease production of these goods resulting in several thousand workers being laid-off, transferred or their working hours reduced;

Whereas all these factors have caused substantial injury to the Community producers;

Whereas this injury to the Community producers is likely to become irreparable, unless a defensive measure is immediately adopted;

Whereas in these 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;

Whereas the concentration of the difficulties on the Italian market justifies the limitation, for the moment, of the application of these safeguard measures to imports into that region of the Community;

Whereas, consultations are in progress with Hungary, Poland and Romania and it is justified therefore, pending a mutually acceptable solution, to exclude, for the moment, these three countries from the scope of application of these measures of autonomous restrictions;

Whereas these safeguard measures instituted in respect of those other countries can be rescinded should those same countries enter into consultations with the Community and should these consultations result in mutually satisfactory solutions,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The importation into Italy of the products listed below, originating in Bulagaria, the German Democratic Republic, Czechoslovakia and in the USSR, is hereby made subject to the presentation of an import authorization issued by the competent Italian authorities.

The total quantity of the products for which import authorizations shall be issued during the year 1976 shall not exceed the following amounts:

(1) OJ No L 19, 26. 1. 1970, p. 1.

Nimexe code	Description	Origin	Quantity (itemps)
85.20.15	Electric filament lamps exceeding 28 volts	Bulgaria	400 000
		German Democratic Republic	2 000 000
		Czechoslovakia	4 000 000
		USSR	1 300 000

The quantities listed above are reduced by the quantities imported into Italy, originating from the countries concerned, since the 1 January 1976.

Article 2

1. This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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 7 (6) and 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 109/70 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, 29 July 1976.

For the Commission

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