COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 3170/76

of 22 December 1976

extending the period of validity of interim protective measures with regard to imports into the United Kingdom of cotton yarn originating in Spain

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1525/70 of 20 July 1970 on particular measures provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Spain [1],

Having consulted the advisory committee set up under the said Regulation,

Whereas by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3339/75 of 22 December 1975 [2] the Commission established interim protective measures with regard to imports into the United Kingdom of cotton yarn originating in Spain;

Whereas by Regulation (EEC) No 1473/76 [3] the Commission extended the period of validity of these interim protective measures to 31 December 1976;

Whereas the reasons which originally led the Commission to take such action, that is to say that the said product is generally offered for sale on the market affected at prices which are below those prevailing for similar goods produced by Community producers and that such imports added to those of other third countries which are generally subject to limitation represent a substantial share of the market in the region of the Community concerned, continue to apply;

Whereas if the period of validity of interim protective measures with regard to imports into the United Kingdom of cotton yarn originating in Spain were not extended, there would be market disruption and serious injury to producers in the region of the Community concerned;

Whereas it appears justified to maintain these measures in effect, on an interim basis, until 31 March 1977,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The importation into the United Kingdom of cotton yarn, not put up for retail sale (CCT heading No 55.05) originating in Spain, shall remain subject to the production of an import authorization issued by the competent authorities in the United Kingdom.

2. The total quantity of such products for which import authorizations shall be issued during the period 1 January 1977 to 31 March 1977 shall not exceed 724 metric tons.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1977. It shall apply until 31 March 1977.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 December 1976.

For the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 182, 16. 8. 1970, p. 175.
[2] OJ No L 329, 23. 12. 1975, p. 26.
[3] OJ No L 165, 25. 6. 1976, p. 23.