# COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 3207/76

## of 23 December 1976

## maintaining in effect the rules whereby imports into Italy of malleable cast-iron tube and pipe fittings originating in Taiwan are subject to import authorizations

THE COUNCIL 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 13 thereof,

After consultation within the Advisory Committee referred to in Article 5 of the said Regulation,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas by Regulation (EEC) No 162/76 [2], the Commission established rules whereby imports into Italy of malleable cast-iron tube and pipe fittings originating in Taiwan were made subject to authorization;

Whereas by Regulations (EEC) No 476/76 [3] and (EEC) No 1552/76 [4], the Council maintained these rules in effect until 31 December 1976;

Whereas since the establishment of these measures the development of the market in Italy for these products has been characterized by a decrease in consumption;

Whereas imports from Taiwan continue to be available at prices much below those applied by the Italian producers; whereas, owing to the considerable increase in total imports, serious harm would be done to Community producers in Italy if the measures adopted by the Community were not extended;

Whereas the reasons which justified the establishment of rules whereby imports into Italy of malleable cast-iron tube and pipe fittings originating in Taiwan are subject to import authorizations consequently remain valid; whereas it is therefore necessary to maintain the rules in effect until 31 December 1977,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

The rules whereby imports into Italy of malleable cast-iron tube and pipe fittings originating in Taiwan are subject to import authorization, which were set up by Regulation (EEC) No 162/76, confirmed by Regulation (EEC) No 476/76 and extended by Regulation (EEC) No 1552/76, shall continue to apply until 31 December 1977.

The total quantity of products for which import authorizations shall be issued from 1 January to 31 December 1977 shall not exceed 1 640 metric tons.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1977.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 December 1976.

*For the Council*

*The President*

M. van der STOEL

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[1] OJ No L 159, 15. 6. 1974, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 18, 27. 1. 1976, p. 13.
[3] OJ No L 56, 4. 3. 1976, p. 1.
[4] OJ No L 172, 1. 7. 1976, p. 1.