COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 1144/77

of 27 May 1977

subjecting to authorization imports into Germany of certain yarn and twine originating in Yugoslavia

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 the said Regulation,

Whereas imports of yarn of true hemp and twine of true hemp, of flax and of ramie corresponding to NIMEXE codes 57.05-19, ex 59.04-50 and ex 59.04-60, originating in Yugoslavia, have increased sharply and substantially in the past few years;

Whereas this development has manifested itself principally on the German market where imports have increased from 418 tonnes in 1975 to 862 tonnes in 1976 and to 471 tonnes in the first quarter of 1977;

Whereas these products are offered for sale on the market principally affected at prices which are 17 to 21 % lower than those prevailing for similar goods produced by Community producers;

Whereas, according to the information available to the Commission, these imports represented a market share of 39 % in Germany, in the beginning of 1977;

Whereas this development has been carried out to the detriment of the Community industry, whose production has fallen considerably over the past few years, and it threatens to bring about the closure of the most important factory in this sector in Germany together with substantial unemployment;

Whereas all these factors have caused both market disruption and serious damage to the Community producers of like goods in Germany;

Whereas, in these highly unusual and critical circumstances, it is necessary that immediate action be taken to safeguard the interests of the Community, consisting in the introduction of a temporary limitation of imports, account being taken of imports already carried out;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The importation into Germany of yarn of true hemp and twine of true hemp, of flax and of ramie corresponding to NIMEXE codes 57.05-19, ex 59.04-50 and ex 59.04-60, originating in Yugoslavia, 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 the period from the entry into force of this Regulation until 31 December 1977 shall not exceed 80 tonnes.

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 until the entry into force of appropriate measures to be taken by the Council in accordance with Article 12 (6) of Regulation (EEC) No 1439/74 or until the expiry of a period of six weeks after its entry into force, whichever is the sooner.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 May 1977.

For the Commission

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