COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 1176/77

of 31 May 1977

submitting to authorization imports into the United Kingdom of certain articles of clothing originating in Macao

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 Article 5 of the said Regulation,

Whereas imports into the Community of jackets and of blouses and shirt-blouses originating in Macao have increased sharply and substantially in recent months;

Whereas this trend has manifested itself mainly in the United Kingdom where, from 1975 to 1976, imports of blouses increased from 150 000 items to nearly 1 000 000 items, and imports of jackets increased from approximately 100 000 items to nearly 400 000 items;

Whereas, according to the information available to the Commission, imports of these products from all third countries already represented in 1975 a share of the market bordering on 64 % of the United Kingdom's consumption of blouses and 46 % of its consumption of jackets; whereas that market share has since become even greater;

Whereas this increase in imports has taken place to the detriment of the Community industry, particularly that in the United Kingdom, where the production ofthe articles of clothing in question has fallen appreciably in recent years with, consequently, a substantial reduction in employment in that industry;

Whereas all these factors have caused market disruption and serious damage to Community producers;

Whereas, in the light of the above situation, the Commission, at the request of the authorities of the Member State in question, initiated consultations with the authorities of Macao under Article 4 of the Agreement between Macao and the Community on trade in textile products [2] with a view to achieving a reduction in imports of the products in question;

Whereas, at the conclusion of those consultations, the Macao authorities stated their readiness to introduce voluntary restraint for exports of the products in question into the United Kingdom;

Whereas the effectiveness of the voluntary restraint measures introduced by the Macao authorities is dependent on the establishment of a system of control by the Community; whereas the introduction of that control makes it necessary for imports of the products in question into the United Kingdom to be subject to authorization;

Whereas the voluntary restraint measures provide for quantitative limits for exports effected during 1977;

Whereas the above system of import authorization must be established as soon as possible so that it is not by-passed by anticipatory consignments or indirect imports which would be liable to cause damage to Community producers that would be difficult to repair,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The importation into the United Kingdom of the goods listed in Annex A originating in Macao and exported from that country in 1977 shall be subject to the presentation of an import authorization issued by the competent authorities of the United Kingdom.

2. The import authorizations shall be issued for a quantity which will be fixed so as to ensure that the

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

[2] OJ No L 47, 18. 2. 1977, p. 7.

total volume of the imports referred to in paragraph 1 will be limited to the quantities indicated in Annex A.

3. The import authorization shall be issued within the limits indicated in paragraph 2 automatically and without delay either on presentation of a bill of lading proving that the goods were placed on board in Macao for export to the United Kingdom before the date of entry into force of this Reglation or on presentation of an export licence granted by the competent authority in Macao (1) setting out the items of information listed in Annex B.

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, 31 May 1977.

For the Commission

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Vice-President

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ANNEX A

CCT heading No	NIMEXE code (1977)	Description	Unit	Quantitative limit
61.01	61.01-34 ; 36 ; 37 ; ex 38	Men's and boys' outer garments : — Jackets and blazers other than of silk, of noil or other silk waste or of flax or ramie	items	400 000
61.02	61.01-78 ; 82 ; ex 84	Women's, girls' and infants' outer garments : ex B. Other than babies' garments : — Blouses and shirt-blouses other than of silk, of noil or other silk waste or of flax or ramie	items	1 000 000

ANNEX B

Items of information referred to in Article 1 (3)

The export licences issued by the Macao authorities in respect of the products covered by this Regulation shall state or include :

1. destination ;
2. serial number ;
3. importer's name and address ;
4. exporter's name and address ;
5. quantity, in number of items, of products covered by the licence ;
6. certification that the quantity in question has been debited against the quantitative limit for exports to the United Kingdom.