COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 1217/77

of 6 June 1977

subjecting to authorization imports into the Benelux countries, into the Federal Republic of Germany, into France and into the United Kingdom of certain knitted or crocheted garments originating in the Republic of Singapore

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,

After consultation with the Advisory Committee established by Article 5 of that Regulation,

Whereas imports into the Community of certain shirts and the like originating in the Republic of Singapore have for some months been increasing rapidly and substantially;

Whereas this trend has been most evident in the Benelux countries, France, Germany and the United Kingdom, where imports of the products in question grew from 3·5 million items in 1975 to over 9 million items in 1976;

Whereas overall imports into the Community of these products increased by approximately 30 % from 1975 to 1976;

Whereas this development has been to the detriment of the Community's knitwear industry, which has suffered serious damage over the last few years because of the sharp increase in overall imports of these articles and other articles of clothing;

Whereas in view of this situation the Commission, at the request of the authorities of the Member States mainly concerned, began consultations with the Singapore authorities under the Agreement negotiated between the Republic of Singapore and the European Economic Community on trade in textile products;

Whereas these consultations resulted in an undertaking by the Singapore authorities to introduce voluntary restraint of exports of the products in question to the Benelux countries, to the Federal Republic of Germany, to France and to the United Kingdom;

Whereas the effectiveness of the voluntary restraint measures introduced by the Singapore authorities depends on the introduction on the Community's side of controls; whereas for this purpose imports of the products in question must be made subject to authorization;

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

Whereas the abovementioned import authorization arrangements must be established as soon as possible in order to ensure that they are not circumvented by the bringing forward of shipments or by indirect imports, which could cause damage difficult to repair to Community producers of the articles in question,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The importation into the Benelux countries, into the Federal Republic of Germany, France and into the United Kingdom of the goods described in Annex A, originating in the Republic of Singapore and exported from that country in 1977, shall be subject to the presentation of an import authorization issued by the relevant authorities in the Member State concerned.

2. Import authorizations shall be issued automatically and without delay on production of a bill of lading proving that the goods were placed on board in Singapore for export to the Benelux countries, France, Germany or the United Kingdom before the date of entry into force of this Regulation, or on the condition that the quantitative limit specified in Annex A has not been reached, on production of an export licence issued by the Department of Trade, Ministry of Finance, of the Republic of Singapore containing the information specified 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 until the entry into force of appropriate measures to be taken by the Council pursuant to Articles 12 (6) and 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 1439/74 or until the expiry of a period of six weeks following the entry into force of this Regulation, whichever is the earlier.

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

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

Done at Brussels, 6 June 1977.

For the Commission

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Vice-President

ANNEX A

CCT heading No	NIMEXE code 1977	Description of goods	Area of Community	Quantitative limit (items)
ex 60.04	60.04-13, ex 19, ex 29, 41, ex 49, ex 59	Under garments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized : ex A. Of cotton : — Shirts, rollneck undershirts, T-shirts and vests, excluding singlets ex B. Of other textile materials : — Of synthetic textile fibres : — Shirts, rollneck undershirts, T-shirts and vests, excluding singlets	France Germany United Kingdom	1 800 000 5 425 000 1 125 000
60.04	60.04-13, ex 19, ex 29, 41, ex 49, ex 59	Under garments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized : ex A. Of cotton : — Shirts, rollneck undershirts, T-shirts and vests, excluding singlets ex B. Of other textile materials : — Of synthetic textile fibres : — Shirts, rollneck undershirts, T-shirts and vests, excluding singlets	Benelux	1 900 000
60.05	60.05-ex 23, ex 26, ex 27, ex 32, ex 35, ex 37	Outer garments and other articles, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized : ex II. Other : — Jerseys, pullovers and rollneck undershirts : — Of cotton or of synthetic or regenerated textile fibres		

ANNEX B

Information referred to in Article 1 (2)

Export licences issued by the Department of Trade, Ministry of Finance, Singapore, for the products referred to in this Regulation shall indicate or contain the following :

1. destination, and in particular the Member State of destination ;
2. serial number ;
3. name and address of the importer ;
4. name and address of the exporter ;
5. the quantity, in number of items and the value of the products covered by the licence ;
6. certification that the quantity concerned has been debited against the quantitative limit for exports to the Member State of destination.