COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 1285/77

of 13 June 1977

subjecting to authorization imports into the United Kingdom of certain knitted or crocheted articles originating in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

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 United Kingdom of knitted or crocheted men's and boys' shirts originating in Pakistan have for some months been increasing rapidly and substantially;

Whereas imports of such products from all non-member countries have been increasing substantially over the past few years and as a consequence the Community industry in question is suffering serious difficulties consisting in the under-utilization of production capacity and a substantial drop in employment;

Whereas this trend has been most evident in the United Kingdom, where imports from Pakistan grew from 500 000 items in 1975 to over 1 700 000 items in 1976 and more than 1 300 000 items in the first quarter of 1977;

Whereas all these factors have led to a disruption of the market and have caused serious damage to Community producers; whereas if no immediate interim protective measures were introduced, as requested by the United Kingdom Government, the damage to that country's producers would become more serious;

Whereas the Community began consultations with Pakistan on this matter under Article 3 of the Arrangement regarding international trade in textiles; whereas these consultations did not produce a solution permitting the market disruption to be removed;

Whereas these circumstances call for immediate action to safeguard the interests of the Community, namely the introduction of interim protective measures in respect of these imports,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The importation into the United Kingdom of the goods described below originating in Pakistan shall be subject to the presentation of an import authorization issued by the relevant authorities in the United Kingdom.

CCT heading No	NIMEXE Code (1977)	Description of goods
60.04	60.04-13, 41	Under garments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized: ex A. Of cotton: — Men's and boys' shirts ex. B. Of other textile materials: — Of synthetic textile fibres: — Men's and boys' shirts

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

2. Import authorizations shall be issued for quantities such that in the period from 1 April 1977 to 31 December 1977 the total volume of the imports referred to in paragraph 1 does not exceed 1 282 500 items.

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.

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

Done at Brussels, 13 June 1977.

For the Commission

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