COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 1481/77

of 1 July 1977

subjecting to authorization imports into the United Kingdom of knitted or crocheted under garments originating in Spain

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1525/70 of 20 July 1970 on the protective measures provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Spain (1), and in particular Article 2 thereof,

Having consulted the Advisory Committee set up under Article 3 of the said Regulation,

Whereas imports into the Community of knitted or crocheted under garments originating in Spain have increased considerably ; whereas the industry manufacturing these products is consequently in serious difficulties ;

Whereas this trend is particularly marked in the United Kingdom where imports originating in Spain rose from 378 000 items in 1975 to 2 542 000 in 1976, and totalled 404 000 in the first two months of 1977 ;

Whereas the said products are imported from Spain at a considerably lower price than from other sources ;

Whereas all these factors cause serious disturbances in the relevant sector in the United Kingdom ; whereas these difficulties must be remedied by the adoption of the safeguard measures necessary to avoid an aggravation of the economic situation there,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

1. The importation into the United Kingdom of the products listed below, originating in Spain, is hereby made subject to the production of an import authorization issued by the competent authorities of the United Kingdom :

CCT heading No	NIMEXE code (1977)	Description
60.04	60.04-17 ; 27 ; ex 49 ; 56	Under garments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized : ex A. Of cotton : — Men's and boys' underpants and briefs ex B. Of other textile materials : — Of synthetic fibres : — Men's and boys' underpants and briefs — Women's, girls' and infants' knickers and briefs

2. Import authorizations shall be issued for a quantity which will be so fixed as to ensure that, during the period between 1 February and 31 December 1977, the total volume of the imports referred to in paragraph 1 will be limited to 2 034 610 items.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the second day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

(1) OJ No L 182, 16. 8. 1970, p. 75.

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

Done at Brussels, 1 July 1977.

For the Commission

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