COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 753/77

of 6 April 1977

subjecting to authorization imports into France of enamelled iron or steel articles of a kind commonly used for domestic purposes, 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 safeguard measures provided for in the Agreement between the EEC and Spain (1), and in particular Article 1 thereof,

Having consulted the Advisory Committee set up the said Regulation,

Whereas imports of enamelled iron or steel domestic articles corresponding to NIMEXE code 73.38-52, originating in Spain, have increased sharply and substantially in the past few years;

Whereas this development has manifested itself principally on the French market, where imports have increased from 655 tonnes in 1973 to 3 671 tonnes in 1976;

Whereas these products are offered for sale on the market principally affected at prices which are substantially below 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 33 % in France in 1976;

Whereas this development has been carried out to the detriment of the Community industry, whose production has fallen considerably over the past few years with resultant substantial unemployment; whereas there is a real risk of further unemployment;

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

Whereas, in these highly unusual and critical circumstances, it is necessary that immediate action be taken to safeguard the interests of the Community; whereas these measures are to consist of the introduction of a temporary limitation of imports in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Spain;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The importation into France of enamelled iron or steel articles of a kind commonly used for domestic purposes corresponding to NIMEXE code 73.38-52, originating in Spain, 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 of validity of this Regulation shall not exceed 2 500 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 31 March 1978.

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

Done at Brussels, 6 April 1977.

For the Commission

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Vice-President

(1) OJ No L 182, 16. 8. 1970, p. 175.