COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 808/77

of 21 April 1977

making the importation into Italy of certain woven fabrics of cotton and certain woven fabrics of synthetic textile fibres originating in the Kingdom of Thailand subject to authorization

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,

Consultations having taken place within the Advisory Committee set up under Article 5 thereof,

Whereas imports into the Community of woven fabrics of cotton and woven fabrics of synthetic textile fibres originating in the Kingdom of Thailand have increased sharply and substantially in recent months ;

Whereas imports of these products from all non-member countries have increased substantially in recent years ; whereas Community industry producing these fabrics has experienced serious difficulties as a result characterized by under-utilization of capacity and a substantial reduction in employment ;

Whereas this development has been particularly marked in Italy where imports of woven fabrics of cotton from Thailand increased from approximately 500 tonnes in 1975 to 1 900 tonnes in 1976 and imports of woven fabrics of synthetic textile fibres rose from a negligible quantity in 1975 to approximately 2 800 tonnes in 1976 ;

Whereas imports from Thailand have increased even more rapidly in the first few months of 1977 ;

Whereas all these factors involve a disruption of the market and cause substantial injury to Community producers and, unless immediate protective measures requested by the Italian Government are taken, the injury already suffered by Italian producers will be further aggravated ;

Whereas these circumstances make it necessary that immediate action be taken to safeguard the interests of the Community, this action to consist in the introduction of temporary protective measures with regard to the imports in question ;

Whereas these measures are without prejudice to the outcome of the consultations and negotiations currently taking place between the Community and Thailand ; whereas they may be adapted in the light of the results of those consultations and negotiations,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

1. The importations into Italy of the goods indicated below originating in the Kingdom of Thailand is hereby made subject to the production of an import authorization issued by the competent authorities in Italy :

Category No	CCT heading No	NIMEXE code 1977	Description of goods
1	55.09	All	Other woven fabrics of cotton
2	56.07	56.07-ex 01, 04, 11, 17, 24, 32	Woven fabrics of man-made fibres (discontinuous or waste) ex A. Of synthetic textile fibres : — Unbleached or bleached

2. The quantity in respect of which import authorizations shall be issued shall be such that the total volume of the imports referred to in paragraph 1 over the period from 1 March to 31 December 1977 shall not exceed :

— for category No 1 : 2 225 000 kg,
— for category No 2 : 2 571 000 kg.

(1) OJ No L 159, 15. 6. 1974, p. 1.

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, 21 April 1977.

For the Commission

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