COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 840/77

of 25 April 1977

extending the period of validity of interim protective measures with regard to imports into the United Kingdom of cotton yarn 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 particular measures provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Spain (1),

Having consulted the Advisory Committee set up under the said Regulation,

Whereas by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3339/75 of 22 December 1975 (2), the Commission established interim protective measures with regard to imports into the United Kingdom of cotton yarn originating in Spain ;

Whereas by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3170/76 (3), the Commission has extended these interim protective measures until 31 March 1977 ;

Whereas the United Kingdom cotton-spinning industry has suffered over the past few years from serious disturbances following the sharp and substantial increase in imports of yarn and of woven fabrics and finished textile products from a number of non-member countries ; whereas this industry has recently entered upon a period of stabilization following the adoption of protective measures with regard to imports ;

Whereas if the period of validity of the interim protective measures taken with regard to imports into the United Kingdom of cotton yarn originating in Spain were not extended for a further few months, the recently started process of consolidating the United Kingdom industry could be promised by a sharp increase in imports originating in Spain, particularly in view of the very low price of those imports ;

Whereas under these circumstances it appears justified to apply these measures until 31 December 1977,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

1. The importation into the United Kingdom of cotton yarn, not put up for retail sale (CCT heading No 55.05), originating in Spain, shall be subject to the production of an import authorization issued by the competent authorities in the United Kingdom.

2. Import authorizations shall be issued for a quantity so established as to ensure that the total volume of imports referred to in paragraph 1 does not exceed 2 172 tonnes in the period 1 April 1977 to 31 December 1977.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the second day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*. It shall apply until 31 December 1977.

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

Done at Brussels, 25 April 1977.

For the Commission

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(1) OJ No L 182, 16. 8. 1970, p. 175.
(2) OJ No L 329, 23. 12. 1975, p. 26.
(3) OJ No L 357, 29. 12. 1976, p. 20.