COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 841/77

of 25 April 1977

establishing interim protective measures with regard to imports into the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of cotton yarn, not put up for retail sale, originating in the Republic of India

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,

Having consulted the Advisory Committee set up under Article 5 thereof,

Whereas imports into the United Kingdom of cotton yarn not put up for retail sale originating in India have increased sharply and substantially, namely from 742 tonnes in 1975 to 6 198 tonnes in 1976;

Whereas cotton yarn from India is imported at prices considerably below those prevailing for yarns imported from the majority of other origins as well as for yarns produced in the Community;

Whereas imports into the United Kingdom of cotton yarn from several non-member countries including India were subject to quantitative restrictions until 31 March 1977 and these restrictions ceased to exist on 1 April 1977;

Whereas the cotton-spinning industry in the United Kingdom in recent years has suffered grave injury (involving a substantial reduction in production, mill closures, and unemployment) due to sharply rising imports from non-member countries of yarns as well as of finished fabrics and made up goods; whereas this industry has very recently entered into a phase of recovery as a consequence of the introduction of arrangements restraining textile imports;

Whereas the liberalization of imports of cotton yarns from India, given the prices at which these goods are offered for sale, is likely to lead to a further substantial increase in these imports which could compromise the process of recovery, recently begun, in the British cotton-spinning industry and thereby give rise to injury difficult to repair;

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 these imports;

Whereas existing trade flows indicate that the threat of injury caused by imports of cotton yarn from India is at present limited to the British cotton-spinning industry, it appears justified to restrict the application of protective measures to imports into this region of the Common Market;

Whereas these measures are without prejudice to the result of consultations which the Community has requested with India under the terms of the Arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles (2); whereas they may be adapted in the light of the results of such consultations,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The importation into the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of cotton yarn not put for retail sale, falling within heading No 55.05 of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in the Republic of India is hereby made subject to the production of an import authorization issued by the competent authorities in the United Kingdom.

2. Import restrictions shall be issued for a quantity such that the total volume of imports referred to in paragraph 1 does not in the period 1 April 1977 to 31 December 1977 exceed 5 500 tonnes.

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.

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

(2) OJ No L 118, 30. 4. 1974, p. 1.

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

Done at Brussels, 25 April 1977.

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