COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 842/77

of 25 April 1977

subjecting to authorization imports into the United Kingdom of certain knitted or crocheted under garments 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 of the said Regulation,

Whereas imports into the United Kingdom of T-shirts originating in India have increased sharply and substantially over the past year, namely from less than 200 000 units in 1975 to approximately 900 000 units in 1976 and to 785 000 units in the first two months of 1977 ;

Whereas these products are imported at prices substantially below those prevailing for similar goods produced in the Community and those of goods imported from the majority of other origins ;

Whereas if no protective measures are adopted these imports are likely to increase to such an extent that they risk causing substantial injury to Community procedures of like or competing products, taking into account that surveillance licences were issued by the authorities of the United Kingdom in January and February 1977 for a quantity of 2·2 million T-shirts from India ;

Whereas in the context of the Arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles, the European Economic Community and the Republic of India have concluded an Agreement on trade in textile products (2) ;

Whereas under the terms of Article 5 of the said Agreement consultations have been held between the parties on the problem caused by the imports of T-shirts into the United Kingdom ; whereas these consultations have been suspended without a mutually satisfactory conclusion having been reached ;

Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of Article 5 (5) of the said Agreement, the Community has requested India to restrain its exports of the product in question at a level as defined in the said paragraph ;

Whereas the efficiency of the self-restraint measures introduced by India depends on the introduction by the Community of a control system ; whereas the implementation of such system makes it necessary that imports of the products concerned into the United Kingdom be made subject to authorization ;

Whereas the abovementioned import authorization arrangements must be established as soon as possible in order to ensure that they are not circumvented by the bringing forward of shipments or by indirect imports, which could cause injury difficult to repair to Community procedures,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

1. The importation into the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of the products described below and originating in India shall be subject to the production of an import authorization issued by the competent authorities in the United Kingdom :

CCT heading No	Nimexe code 1977	Description of goods
ex 60.04	60.04-ex 13, ex 29, ex 41, ex 59	Under garments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized : — Of cotton : — T-shirts — Of synthetic textile fibres : — T-shirts

(1) OJ No L 159, 15. 6. 1974, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 297, 17. 11. 1975, p. 8.

2. Import authorizations shall be issued for quantities such that the total volume of the imports referred to in paragraph 1 does not exceed, in the period 1 February 1977 to 31 December 1977, 710 000 units.

3. Import authorizations shall be issued automatically and without delay on production of a bill of lading proving that the goods were placed on board in India for export to the United Kingdom before the date of entry into force of this Regulation or, provided the limit indicated in paragraph 2 is not reached, on production of an export licence granted by the relevant authority in India and containing the information specified in the Annex hereto.

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 until the entry into force of appropriate measures to be taken by the Council pursuant to Articles 12 (6) and 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 1439/74 or until the expiry of a period of six weeks following the entry into force of this Regulation, whichever is the earlier.

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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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Information referred to in Article 1 (3)

Export licences issued by the Indian authorities for the products referred to in this Regulation shall indicate or contain the following :

1. destination ;
2. serial number ;
3. name and address of the importer ;
4. name and address of the exporter ;
5. the quantity, in number of pieces, of the products covered by the licence ;
6. certification that the quantity concerned has been debited against the quantitative limit for exportation to the United Kingdom.