COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 1574/78

of 5 July 1978

making the importation of certain textile products originating in Greece subject to quantitative limitation

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 regard to the formal requests submitted by the United Kingdom, France and Italy,

After consultation within the Advisory Committee established by Article 5 of the aforesaid Regulation,

Whereas there has been a substantial increase in imports of textiles into the Community from the supplier countries; whereas this has given rise to market distortion and is causing serious damage to Community producers;

Whereas, in consequence of this situation, imports of certain textile products originating in the majority of low-cost supplier countries are at present regulated by a system of Community authorization and quantitative limitation, either under bilateral agreements or under autonomous arrangements;

Whereas Greek exports of textile products benefit from the application of a number of incentives, the most important being an interest rate subsidy on supplier credit in the form of a variable percentage of the export price; whereas such exports qualify moreover for a flat-rate percentage deduction from the exporter's taxable income; whereas these measures constitute aids within the meaning of Article 92 of the Treaty;

Whereas no final decision as to the rules and conditions for the application of the principles laid down in Article 92 of the Treaty has as yet been taken by the Council of Association under Article 52 (1) of the Agreement establishing an Association between the EEC and Greece (hereinafter called the 'Agreement'); whereas, furthermore, the Community has informed the Council of Association of the difficulties these aids are causing within the Community, but no decision thereon has yet been taken by the Council of Association;

Whereas these export aids have contributed appreciably to an increase in Greek textile exports to the extent of aggravating the cumulative disruption of the Community market and consequently justify the adoption under Article 55 of the Agreement of the protective measures necessary to overcome these difficulties;

Whereas, in view of the appreciable increase in the volume of certain of these aided imports, and in order to avoid irreparable damage to Community producers, immediate action is necessary to make such imports subject to quantitative limits; whereas, having regard to existing trade flows, such measures should be limited to imports into the three areas most affected,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The importation of textile products as specified in the Annex hereto originating in Greece shall be subject, within the region indicated in the said Annex and until 31 December 1978, to the quantitative limits specified in that Annex.

2. The preceding paragraph shall not apply to products which have been placed on board and are in the course of shipment to the Community before the entry into force of this Regulation.

3. Imports effected between 1 January 1978 and the date of entry into force of this Regulation shall be deducted from the quantities referred to in paragraph 1.

4. The regional quantitative limits specified in paragraph 1 shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1023/70 of 25 May 1970 establishing a common procedure for administering quantitative quotas (2).

5. The entry into free circulation of the products referred to in paragraph 1 shall be subject to the presentation of an import authorization or equivalent document issued by the authorities of the Member States.

Article 2

1. This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

2. It shall apply until 31 December 1978, subject to the adoption of a Regulation by the Council pursuant to Articles 12 (6) and 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 1439/74.

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

(2) OJ No L 124, 8. 6. 1970, p. 1.

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

Done at Brussels, 5 July 1978.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Category	CCT heading No	NIMEXE code (1978)	Description	Member States	Unit	Quantity (1 January to 31 December 1978)
4	ex 60.04	60.04-01 ; 05 ; 13 ; 18 ; 28 ; 29 ; 30 ; 42 ; 50 ; 58	Under garments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized : Shirts, T-shirts, lightweight fine knit roll, polo or turtle necked jumpers and pullovers, undervests and the like, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized, other than babies' garments, of cotton of synthetic textile fibres ; T-shirts and lightweight fine knit roll, polo or turtle necked jumpers and pullovers, of regenerated textile fibres	I UK	1 000 pieces	118 955
7	ex 60.05 A II	60.05-22 ; 23 ; 24 ; 25	Outer garnments and other articles, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized : A. Outer garments and clothing accessories : II. Other	F UK	1 000 pieces	274 227
	ex 61.02 B	61.02-78 ; 82 ; 84	Women's, girls' and infants' outer garments : B. Other : Blouses and shirt blouses, knitted or crocheted (not elastic or rubberized), or woven, for women, girls and infants, of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres			