COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 2100/78

of 1 September 1978

making the importation into the United Kingdom of wool cloth originating in the Republic of Argentina 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,

After consultation within the Advisory Committee set up under Article 5 of the said Regulation,

Having regard to the request made by the United Kingdom,

Whereas imports into the United Kingdom of wool cloth (CCT heading No 53.11, category 50) from all third countries accounted in 1977 for a considerable share of the Community market; whereas this share, in the United Kingdom, has since increased further;

Whereas quantitative limits have already been set for the products in question in accordance with the provisions of the Arrangement regarding international trade in textiles and of bilateral Agreements negotiated between the Community and certain supplier countries;

Whereas imports into the United Kingdom of the textile products concerned originating in the Republic of Argentina have increased sharply and substantially in the past few months;

Whereas all these factors have given rise to disruption of the United Kingdom market and are causing serious injury to Community manufacturers;

Whereas, in pursuance of the Arrangement regarding international trade in textiles, the Community has negotiated an Agreement on trade in textiles with the Republic of Argentina; whereas the said Agreement contains specific provision for recourse to safeguard measures;

Whereas, in view of the market disruption referred to above, the Community has applied the procedures provided for in the said Agreement, which allow appropriate safeguard measures to be taken in order to limit imports of the products in question into the United Kingdom, account being taken of the trend of imports;

Whereas, in particular, under the Agreement negotiated by the Community with the Republic of Argentina in pursuance of the Arrangement regarding international trade in textiles, compliance with the quantitative export limits set or to be set by virtue of the said Agreement is ensured by an agreed system of double checking; whereas effectiveness depends on the establishment of a system of control by the Community; whereas in order to establish such a system, therefore, it is necessary to make imports of the goods in question from Argentina subject to authorization;

Whereas, in order to ensure that the import authorization arrangements referred to above are not evaded by anticipatory exports or indirect imports liable to cause injury to Community manufacturers which would be difficult to remedy, it is necessary to establish the said arrangements as soon as possible,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The importation into the United Kingdom of the goods indicated below, originating in the Republic of Argentina and exported from that country, is hereby made subject to the production of an import authorization issued by the authorities of the Member State concerned:

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

Category	CCT heading No	NIMEXE code (1978)	Description	Quantitative limit from 1. 8. to 31. 12. 1978
50	53.11	53.11-01 ; 03 ; 07 ; 11 ; 13 ; 17 ; 20 ; 30 ; 40 ; 52 ; 54 ; 58 ; 72 ; 74 ; 75 ; 82 ; 84 ; 88 ; 91 ; 93 ; 97	Woven fabrics of sheep's or lambs' wool or of fine animal hair	60 tonnes

Article 2

1. Import authorizations shall be issued automatically and without delay, subject to the limit specified in Article 1, upon presentation of the export documents agreed under the Agreement on trade in textiles negotiated with the Republic of Argentina and set out in Annex C to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3019/77 of 30 December 1977 making the importation into the Community of textile products originating in certain third countries subject to authorization and quantitative limitation (1).

Imports effected between 1 August 1978 and the date of entry into force of this Regulation shall be deducted from the said quantity where the goods in question were exported from the third country concerned during that period.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1, import authorizations shall be issued automatically and without delay upon presentation of a bill of lading proving that the goods in question were placed on board in the Republic of Argentina for export to the United Kingdom before the date of entry into force of this Regulation.

Article 3

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 31 December 1978, subject to the adoption of a Council Regulation in accordance with Articles 12 (6) and 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 1439/74.

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

Done at Brussels, 1 September 1978.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission.

(1) OJ No L 357, 31. 12. 1977, p. 1.