COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 2617/78

of 8 November 1978

making the importation of certain textile products originating in Malta 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 493/71 of 1 March 1971 on the safeguard measures provided for in the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and Malta (1), and in particular Article 1 thereof,

Having regard to the formal request submitted by the United Kingdom after consultation within the Advisory Committee established by Article 3 of that Regulation,

Whereas there has been a substantial increase in imports from the supplier countries on the Community market; whereas these imports have given rise to market disturbance and are causing serious damage to Community producers resulting in the closure of mills and considerable loss of employment;

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

Whereas the extremely rapid increase in recent months of imports into the United Kingdom of certain of these products originating in Malta has helped to exacerbate the cumulative disturbance of that market;

Whereas the volume of this increase makes it necessary to take immediate action aimed at avoiding irreparable damage to United Kingdom producers and a serious deterioration in the economic situation of that region of the Community; whereas it therefore justifies the adoption, pursuant to Article 10 of the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and Malta, of the protective measures needed to overcome these difficulties,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The importation into the United Kingdom of the textile products listed in Annex A hereto, originating in Malta, shall be suspended until 31 December 1978.

2. The provisions of 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.

Article 2

1. The importation into the United Kingdom of textile products listed in Annex B hereto, originating in Malta, shall be subject, until 31 December 1978, to the quantitative limits specified therein.

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 establishng 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 United Kingdom.

Article 3

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

It shall be applicable until 31 December 1978.

(1) OJ No L 61, 14. 3. 1971, p. 74.

(2) OJ No L 148, 8. 6. 1970, p. 1.

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

Done at Brussels, 8 November 1978.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

ANNEX A

Category	CCT heading No	NIMEXE code (1978)	Description	Member State
2	55.09		Other woven fabrics of cotton :	UK
		55.09-01 ; 02 ; 03 ; 04 ; 05 ; 11 ; 12 ; 13 ; 14 ; 15 ; 16 ; 17 ; 19 ; 21 ; 29 ; 31 ; 33 ; 35 ; 37 ; 38 ; 39 ; 41 ; 49 ; 51 ; 52 ; 53 ; 54 ; 55 ; 56 ; 57 ; 59 ; 61 ; 63 ; 64 ; 65 ; 66 ; 67 ; 68 ; 69 ; 70 ; 71 ; 72 ; 73 ; 74 ; 76 ; 77 ; 78 ; 81 ; 82 ; 83 ; 84 ; 86 ; 87 ; 92 ; 93 ; 97	Woven fabrics of cotton, other than gauze, terry fabrics, narrow woven fabrics, pile fabrics, chenille fabrics, tulle and other net fabrics	
6	ex 61.01		Men's and boys' outer garments	UK
	ex 61.02 B		Women's, girls' and infants' outer garments :	
			B. Other :	
		61.01-62 ; 64 ; 66 ; 72 ; 74 ; 76	Men's and boys' woven breeches, shorts and trousers (including slacks) ; women's, girls' and infants' woven trousers and slacks of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres	
		61.02-66 ; 68 ; 72		
8	ex 61.03		Men's and boys' under garments, including collars, shirt fronts and cuffs :	UK
		61.03-11 ; 15 ; 19	Men's and boys' shirts, woven, of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres	

ANNEX B

Category	CCT heading No	NIMEXE code (1978)	Description	Member State	Units	Quantitative limits from 1. 1. to 31. 12. 1978
1	55.05	55.05-13 ; 19 ; 21 ; 25 ; 27 ; 29 ; 33 ; 35 ; 37 ; 41 ; 45 ; 46 ; 48 ; 52 ; 58 ; 61 ; 65 ; 67 ; 69 ; 72 ; 78 ; 92 ; 98	Cotton yarn, not put up for retail sale	UK	Tonnes	274
4	ex 60.04	60.04-01 ; 05 ; 13 ; 18 ; 28 ; 29 ; 30 ; 41 ; 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 or synthetic textile fibres ; T-shirts and lightweight fine knit roll, polo or turtle necked jumpers and pullovers of regenerated textile fibres	UK	1 000 pieces	365
7	ex 60.05 A II ex 61.02 B	60.05-22 ; 23 ; 24 ; 25 61.02-78 ; 82 ; 84	Outer garments and other articles, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized : A. Outer garments and clothing accessories : II. Other 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	UK	1 000 pieces	304