COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 2686/78

of 15 November 1978

making the importation into the United Kingdom of trousers originating in India 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 established by Article 5 of that Regulation,

Whereas imports of trousers falling within heading Nos 61.01 and 61.02 of the Common Customs Tariff (NIMEXE codes 61.01-62, 64, 66, 72, 74, 76; 61.02-66, 68 and 72, from all third countries, already accounted in 1977 for a considerable share of the Community market; whereas, in the case of the United Kingdom, that share has since increased still further;

Whereas quantitative limits have already been established for the products in question in accordance with the provisions of the Multifibre Agreement (MFA) and of bilateral Agreements negotiated between the Community and certain supplying countries;

Whereas imports into the United Kingdom of the product concerned originating in India 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 damage to Community producers;

Whereas, in pursuance of the Arrangement regarding international trade in textiles, the Community has negotiated an Agreement on trade in textile products with India; whereas this 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 into the United Kingdom of the product in question, account being taken of import trends, and these procedures have led to a mutually agreed solution;

Whereas, in particular, under the Agreement negotiated by the Community with India, compliance with the quantitative export limits established or to be established by virtue of the said Agreement is ensured by a double-checking system, whose effectiveness depends on the establishment of a system of control by the Community; whereas in order to establish such a system it is necessary to make import of the goods in question from India 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 producers 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 India and exported from that country in 1978, is hereby made subject to the production of an import authorization issued by the United Kingdom authorities:

Category	CCT heading No	NIMEXE code (1978)	Description	Quantitative limit from 1. 1. to 31. 12. 1978
6	ex 61.01	61.01-62, 64, 66, 72, 74, 76	Men's and boys' woven breeches, shorts and trousers	110 000 pieces
	ex 61.02	61.02-66, 68, 72	Women's, girls' and infants' woven trousers	

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

Article 2

1. Import authorizations shall be issued automatically and without delay, within the limits of the quantity specified above, upon presentation of the export documents agreed under the Agreement on trade in textile products negotiated with India and reproduced in Annex C to Regulation (EEC) No 3019/77 (1).

Imports effected between 1 January 1978 and the date of entry into force of this Regulation shall be deducted from this quantity where the goods in question were exported from India during this period.

2. Without prejudice to 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 India 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, 15 November 1978.

For the Commission

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