COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 355/78

of 20 February 1978

concerning the rules whereby imports into Italy of malleable cast-iron tube and pipe fittings originating in Taiwan are subject to import authorizations

THE COUNCIL 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 13 thereof,

After consultation within the Advisory Committee referred to in Article 5 of the said Regulation,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, by Regulation (EEC) No 162/76 [2], the Commission established rules whereby imports into Italy of malleable cast-iron tube and pipe fittings originating in Taiwan were made subject to authorization ;

Whereas, by Regulations (EEC) No 476/76 [3], (EEC) No 1552/76 [4] and (EEC) No 3207/76 [5], the Council maintained these rules in effect until 31 December 1977 ;

Whereas since the establishment of these measures the development of the market in Italy for these products has been characterized by a decrease in consumption ;

Whereas imports from Taiwan continue to be available at prices much below those applied by the Italian producers ; whereas, owing to the considerable increase in total imports, serious harm would be done to producers in Italy if safeguard measures were not adopted by the Community ;

Whereas the reasons which justified the establishment of rules whereby imports into Italy of malleable cast-iron tube and pipe fittings originating in Taiwan are subject to import authorizations remain valid and it is therefore necessary to introduce anew rules whereby these products are subject to import authorizations,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Imports into Italy of malleable cast-iron tube and pipe fittings corresponding to NIMEXE code 73.20-30 originating in Taiwan shall be subject to the presentation of an import authorization issued by the competent Italian authorities.

The total quantity of products for which import authorizations shall be issued from 1 January to 31 December 1978 shall not exceed 1 640 tonnes.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 20 February 1978.

For the Council

The President

Per HÆKKERUP

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(1) OJ No L 159, 15. 6. 1974, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 18, 27. 1. 1976, p. 13.
(3) OJ No L 56, 4. 3. 1976, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 172, 1. 7. 1976, p. 1.
(5) OJ No L 362, 31. 12. 1976, p. 5.