COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 51/78

of 10 January 1978

re-establishing the levying of customs duties on gloves, mittens, mitts, stockings, socks and sockettes, not being knitted or crocheted goods falling within heading No 61.10, originating in Hong Kong to which the preferential tariff arrangements set out in Council Regulation (EEC) No 2706/77 apply

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2706/77 of 28 November 1977 opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff preferences for textile products originating in developing countries and territories [1], and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Whereas Article 2 (1) and (3) of that Regulation provides that customs duties may, for each category of products listed in Annex C to that Regulation, be suspended up to a Community ceiling equal to 87 % of the sum arrived at by adding together the value of the products in question, in tonnes, imported into the Community in 1968 and coming from countries listed in Annex D thereto, but not including products coming from countries already covered by various preferential tariff arrangements established by the Community, and 5 % of the 1970 tonnage of such imports coming from other countries and from countries already covered by such arrangements; whereas, having regard to that ceiling, the amounts for products originating in any one of the countries listed in Annex D should be within a maximum Community amount representing 50 % of that ceiling, with the exception of certain products for which the maximum amount is to be reduced to the percentage indicated in Annex C to the abovementioned Regulation;

Whereas Article 3 (2) of that Regulation provides that the levying of customs duties may be re-established at any time in respect of imports of the products in question originating in any of the said countries and territories, with exception of countries listed in Annex E thereto, once the relevant Community maximum amount has been reached;

Whereas, in respect of gloves, mittens, mitts, stockings, socks and sockettes, not being knitted or crocheted goods, the ceiling, calculated as indicated above, should be 21 tonnes, and therefore the maximum amount is 10·5 tonnes; whereas on 9 January 1978 the amounts of imports into the Community of gloves, mittens, mitts, stockings, socks and sockettes, not being knitted or crocheted goods, originating in Hong Kong, a country covered by preferential tariff arrangements, reached that maximum amount; whereas, bearing in mind the objectives of Regulation (EEC) No 2706/77 which provides that maximum amounts should not be exceeded, customs duties should be re-established in respect of the products in question in relation to Hong Kong,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

As from 15 January 1978, the levying of customs duties, suspended in pursuance of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2706/77, shall be re-established in respect of the following products, imported into the Community and originating in Hong Kong:

CCT heading No	Description
61.10	Gloves, mittens, mitts, stockings, socks and sockettes, not being knitted or crocheted goods

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third 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, 10 January 1978.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ No L 324, 19. 12. 1977, p. 67.