COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1937/96

of 8 October 1996

amending Annexes III B and VI to Council Regulation (EC) No 517/94 on common rules for imports of textile products from certain third countries not covered by bilateral agreements, protocols or other arrangements, or by other specific Community import rules

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 517/94 of 7 March 1994 on common rules for imports of textile products from certain third countries not covered by bilateral agreements, protocols or other arrangements, or by other specific Community import rules [1], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1476/96 [2], and in particular Article 5 in conjunction with Article 25 (4) thereof,

Whereas by Regulation (EC) No 517/94 the Council introduced the quantitative quotas listed in Annexes III B and VI to that Regulation in respect of the Republics of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia;

Whereas following suspension of the embargo *vis-à-vis* the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, annual restrictions were introduced in respect of that country by virtue of Council Regulation (EC) No 538/96 [3] and these are contained in Annexes III B and VI to Regulation (EC) No 517/94;

Whereas the Commission has received requests from Member States to increase certain Community quantitative import limits for products originating in the Republics of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in order to satisfy certain market requirements;

Whereas the Council, in setting the inital level of the quotas, has endeavoured to strike a certain balance between providing the requisite protection for the relevant sectors of the Community industry concerned and maintaining an aceptable level of trade with the former Yugoslav Republics, bearing in mind the various interests of the parties concerned;

Whereas analysis of the situation in the Community industry concerned shows that the level of certain quotas could be modified without prejudicing the abovementioned objective;

Whereas the Commission therefore considers it appropriate to adapt the level of some of the quotas on the basis of the quantitative requirements transmitted by the Member States;

Whereas Annexes III B and VI to Regulation (EC) No 517/94 should therefore be adapted;

Whereas the specific management rules for the allocation of the additional quotas for 1996 should therefore be indicated; whereas in the interests of consistency and administrative simplification, the same management rules should be applied as for the allocation of the initial quotas; whereas, to that effect, imports of products originating in the Republics of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia should be subject to the relevant provisions of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2738/95 of 28 November 1995 establishing specific rules for the management and allocation of certain quantitative textile quotas introduced for 1996 under Regulation (EC) No 517/94 [4];

Whereas these measures are in line with the opinion of the Committee established by Regulation (EC) No 517/94,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annexes III B and VI to Regulation (EC) No 517/94 are hereby replaced by the text in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

As regards the quantitative limits applying to the Republics of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the amounts by which the applicable quotas are increased shall be subject in 1996 to the management rules laid down in Articles 2, 8 and 9 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2738/95.

Article 3

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

[1] OJ No L 67, 10. 3. 1994, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 188, 27. 7. 1996, p. 4.
[3] OJ No L 79, 29. 3. 1996, p. 1.
[4] OJ No L 285, 28. 11. 1995, p. 5.

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

Done at Brussels, 8 October 1996.

For the Commission
Leon BRITTAN
Vice-President

ANNEX

'ANNEX III B

ANNUAL COMMUNITY QUANTITATIVE LIMITS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 2 (1), FOURTH INDENT

Republics of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Category	Unit	Quantity
1	tonnes	6 926
2	tonnes	8 545
2a	tonnes	1 931
3	tonnes	935
5	1 000 pieces	2 416
6	1 000 pieces	1 415
7	1 000 pieces	813
8	1 000 pieces	2 664
9	tonnes	877
15	1 000 pieces	772
16	1 000 pieces	575
67	1 000 pieces	722

Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) (*)

Category	Unit	Quantity
1	tonnes	2 309
2	tonnes	2 848
2a	tonnes	644
3	tonnes	312
5	1 000 pieces	662
6	1 000 pieces	349
7	1 000 pieces	201
8	1 000 pieces	888
9	tonnes	292
15	1 000 pieces	257
16	1 000 pieces	192
67	1 000 pieces	241

(*) Community quantitative limits for 1996 are equal to three quarters of the quantities given in the table above.

ANNEX VI

OUTWARD PROCESSING TRAFFIC

ANNUAL COMMUNITY LIMITS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 4

Republics of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Category	Unit	Quantity
5	1 000 pieces	4 837
6	1 000 pieces	10 755
7	1 000 pieces	6 736
8	1 000 pieces	12 888
15	1 000 pieces	5 743
16	1 000 pieces	3 182

Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) (*)

Category	Unit	Quantity
5	1 000 pieces	1 231
6	1 000 pieces	3 585
7	1 000 pieces	1 832
8	1 000 pieces	4 296
15	1 000 pieces	1 914
16	1 000 pieces	1 061

(*) Community quantitative limits for 1996 are equal to three-quarters of the quantities given in the table above.'