COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1457/97

of 25 July 1997

amending Annexes III (B), IV 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 1937/96 [2], and in particular Article 5 in conjunction with Article 25 (4) thereof,

Whereas the quantitative restrictions applicable to textile and clothing imports originating in the Republics of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and North Korea are listed in Annexes III (B), IV and VI to Regulation (EC) No 517/94;

Whereas on 16 April 1997 the Commission initalled an agreement on trade in textile products with the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia providing, *inter alia,* for the elimination as of 1 January 1997 of the quantitative restrictions applicable on imports of textiles and clothing products into the Community originating in that country;

Whereas the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia must be excluded from the scope of application of Regulation (EC) No 517/94 from the date of the provisional application of the agreement;

Whereas the Commission has received requests from Member States to increase certain quantitative restrictions for imports of textile products originating in North Korea in order to satisfy certain market requirements;

Whereas it is necessary to strike a certain balance between providing the requisite protection for the relevant sectors of the Community industry concerned and maintaining an acceptable level of trade with the republics of former Yugoslavia and North Korea, bearing in mind the various interests of the parties concerned;

Whereas on analysis of the situation in the Communtiy industry concerned shows that the effective increase of the quantitative restrictions applied in respect of the Republics of Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia that will result from the elimination of the quantitative restrictions applied so far on imports into the Community on textile products originating in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia as well as the increase of the level of certain quotas for North Korea will not prejudice the abovementioned objective;

Whereas the Commission therefore considers it appropriate to adapt accordingly the level of some of the quantitative restrictions applied in respect of North Korea, taking also into account the request received from the Member States;

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

Whereas these measures are in conformity with the opinion of the Textiles Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

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

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 August 1997.

[1] OJ No L 67, 10. 3. 1994, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 255, 9. 10. 1996, p. 4.

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

Done at Brussels, 25 July 1997.

For the Commission

Leon BRITTAN

Vice-President

ANNEX

'ANNEX III B

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

Republics of Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia

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

ANNEX IV

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

North Korea

Category	Unit	Quantity
1	tonnes	128
2	tonnes	145
3	tonnes	49
4	1 000 pieces	285
5	1 000 pieces	123
6	1 000 pieces	144
7	1 000 pieces	93
8	1 000 pieces	201
9	tonnes	71
12	1 000 pairs	1 290
13	1 000 pieces	1 509
14	1 000 pieces	96
15	1 000 pieces	108
16	1 000 pieces	55
17	1 000 pieces	38
18	tonnes	61
19	1 000 pieces	411
20	tonnes	142
21	1 000 pieces	3 411
24	1 000 pieces	263
26	1 000 pieces	173
27	1 000 pieces	179
28	1 000 pieces	285
29	1 000 pieces	75
31	1 000 pieces	293
36	1 000 pieces	91
37	1 000 pieces	356
39	1 000 pieces	51
59	1 000 pieces	466
61	1 000 pieces	40
68	1 000 pieces	75
69	1 000 pieces	184
70	1 000 pieces	270
73	1 000 pieces	93
74	1 000 pieces	133
75	1 000 pieces	39
76	tonnes	75
77	tonnes	9
78	tonnes	115
83	tonnes	34
87	1 000 pairs	5
109	tonnes	10
117	tonnes	51
118	tonnes	23
142	tonnes	10
151 A	tonnes	10
151 B	tonnes	10
161	tonnes	152

ANNEX VI

OUTWARD PROCESSING TRAFFIC

ANNUAL COMMUNITY LIMITS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 4

Republics of Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia

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'