COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 283/98

of 3 February 1998

on the opening of additional quotas for imports into the Community of certain textile products originating in certain third countries participating in trade fairs organised in 1998 in the European Community

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 of 12 October 1993 on common rules for imports of certain textile products from third countries [1], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1445/97 [2], and in particular Article 8 thereof,

Whereas additional quotas to those indicated in Annex V to Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 may be opened when required under special circumstances; whereas the Commission has received a request to open additional quotas in view of trade fairs to be held in 1998;

Whereas additional quotas have already been opened for trade fairs in previous years for certain third countries;

Whereas access to the additional quotas should be limited to products which have been exhibited by the exporting countries at the relevant fair and for the quantities agreed to by sales contracts, as certified by the competent authorities of the Member State where the fair is taking place;

Whereas in order to avoid over-utilisation of these additonal quotas it appears appropriate to request the Member State of the territory in which the fair is taking place, on the one hand, to ensure that the total amounts covered by certified contracts do not exceed the limits set for these additional quotas and, on the other hand, to inform the Commission after closure of the fair of the total quantities covered by such certified contracts;

Whereas it seems appropriate to apply to imports into the Community of products for which the additional quotas are opened the provision of Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 which are applicable to imports of products subject to quantitative limits set out in Annex V to the said Regulation, with the exception of those relating to flexibilities;

Whereas requests for import authorisations should moreover be accompanied by the contract signed at the relevant fair, as certified by the competent authorities of the Member State where it is held;

Whereas in order to avoid circumvention, issue of import authorisations should only cover products shipped in the supplier country in which they originate no earlier than 30 days after the closure of the relevent fair;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Textile Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In addition to the quantitative limits on imports established by Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93, additional quotas shall be opened in respect of the trade fairs to be held in 1998 in the European Community as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

1. Access to the additional quotas referred to in Article 1 shall be limited to such products which have been exhibited by the exporting countries at the fair and for the quantities agreed by a sales contract signed at the relevant fair as certified by the competent authorities of the Member States where the fair takes place.

2. The competent authorities of the Member State in the territory of which the fair is taking place shall ensure that the total amounts covered by certified contracts do not exceed the limits fixed in the Annex.

3. The Commission shall be informed by the relevant Member State not later than 30 days after the closure of the fair of the total quantities covered by contracts certified as having been concluded during the fair. This information shall be provided by supplier country and category.

Article 3

1. Without prejudice to paragraphs 2 and 3 imports into the Community of products for which additional quotas have been opened shall be subject to the provisions of Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 which are

[1] OJ L 275, 8. 11. 1993, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 198, 25. 7. 1997, p. 1.

applicable to imports of products subject to quantitative limits established in Annex V to the said Regulation, with the exception of those relating to flexibilities.

2. Import authorisations can only be issued on the presentation of an export licence bearing in box 9 an indication of the fair and year to which they relate and accompanied by the original of the certified contract referred to in Article 2.

3. Import authorisations shall only cover products shipped into the Community in the third country in which they originate no earlier than 30 days after the closure of the fair.

Article 4

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, 3 February 1998.

For the Commission
Leon BRITTAN
Vice-President

ANNEX

ADDITIONAL QUOTAS FOR THE BERLIN TRADE FAIR TO BE HELD ON 19 TO 21 MARCH 1998

(The complete description of the goods is shown in Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1445/97)

Category	Unit	Third country (1)	Quantitative limit
1	tonnes	Pakistan	66
	tonnes	Ukraine	2
4	1 000 pieces	Belarus	4
	1 000 pieces	India	454
	1 000 pieces	Indonesia	212
	1 000 pieces	Malaysia	94
	1 000 pieces	Pakistan	225
	1 000 pieces	Ukraine	4
	1 000 pieces	Vietnam	25
5	1 000 pieces	Belarus	4
	1 000 pieces	India	252
	1 000 pieces	Malaysia	42
	1 000 pieces	Pakistan	215
	1 000 pieces	Ukraine	12
	1 000 pieces	Vietnam	20
6	1 000 pieces	India	118
	1 000 pieces	Indonesia	131
	1 000 pieces	Malaysia	92
	1 000 pieces	Sri Lanka	116
	1 000 pieces	Vietnam	20
7	1 000 pieces	India	407
	1 000 pieces	Indonesia	98
	1 000 pieces	Sri Lanka	99
	1 000 pieces	Vietnam	25
8	1 000 pieces	Belarus	4
	1 000 pieces	India	323
	1 000 pieces	Indonesia	218
	1 000 pieces	Malaysia	82
	1 000 pieces	Pakistan	158
	1 000 pieces	Sri Lanka	270
	1 000 pieces	Ukraine	4
	1 000 pieces	Vietnam	220
9	tonnes	Pakistan	233
12	1 000 pairs	Belarus	4
	1 000 pairs	Ukraine	20

Category	Unit	Third country (1)	Quantitative limit
15	1 000 pieces	Belarus	4
	1 000 pieces	India	124
	1 000 pieces	Ukraine	20
	1 000 pieces	Vietnam	20
16	1 000 pieces	Ukraine	4
18	tonnes	Vietnam	5
20	tonnes	Belarus	2
	tonnes	India	294
	tonnes	Pakistan	149
	tonnes	Ukraine	2
21	1 000 pieces	Sri Lanka	240
	1 000 pieces	Vietnam	30
26	1 000 pieces	Belarus	4
	1 000 pieces	India	383
	1 000 pieces	Ukraine	4
27	1 000 pieces	Belarus	4
	1 000 pieces	India	372
29	1 000 pieces	India	268
78	tonnes	Vietnam	5
118	tonnes	Belarus	2

(1) Additional quotas are opened on condition that trade in textile products originating in the countries concerned will remain subject in 1998 to a specific conventional regime.