COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2396/1999

of 11 November 1999

on the authorisation of transfers between the quantitative limits of textiles and clothing products originating in Macao

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 1072/99 [2], and in particular Article 7 thereof,

(1) Whereas Article 7 of the agreement between the Community and Macao on trade in textile products [3], initialled on 19 July 1986 and as last amended by an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters, initialled on 22 December 1994 [4], provides that transfers may be agreed between categories and quota years;

(2) Whereas Macao has made a request on 15 September 1999;

(3) Whereas the transfers requested by Macao fall within the limits of the flexibility provisions referred to in Article 7 and set out in Annex VIII of Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93;

(4) Whereas it is appropriate to grant the request;

(5) Whereas it is desirable that this Regulation enters into force the day after its publication in order to allow operators to benefit from it as soon as possible;

(6) Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Textile Committee provided for in Article 17 of Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Transfers between the quantitative limits for textile goods originating in Macao are authorised for the quota year 1999 as detailed in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of 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, 11 November 1999.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 275, 8.11.1993, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 134, 28.5.1999, p. 1.
[3] Approved by Council Decision 87/497/EEC, OJ L 287, 9.10.1987, p. 47.
[4] Approved by Council Decision 95/131/EC, OJ L 94, 26.4.1995, p. 1.

ANNEX

— Category 4: advance use of 552 120 pieces from year 2000 quantitative limits.
— Category 5: advance use of 515 720 pieces from year 2000 quantitative limits.
— Category 6: advance use of 556 160 pieces from year 2000 quantitative limits.
— Category 26: advance use of 46 480 pieces from year 2000 quantitative limits.