COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2483/1999

of 25 November 1999

deducting from the quantitative limit on imports of textile goods pertaining to category 4 originating in the People's Republic of China an amount corresponding to that imported into the European Community in circumvention of the Agreement between the European Community and the People's Republic of China on trade in MFA textile products

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 1072/1999 [2], and in particular Article 15 thereof in conjunction with Article 17 thereof,

(1) Whereas enquiries and further verifications, carried out both in the Community and elsewhere with the assistance of third countries' authorities, in accordance with the procedures established in Annex IV to Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 have led the Commission to conclude that 5 408 295 pieces of textile products pertaining to category 4 (T-shirts) have been imported into the European Community in circumvention of the provisions of Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 in the years 1995 and 1996 in that evidence shows that they physically emanated from the territory of the People's Republic of China before having been imported into the European Community without Chinese origin being declared or under false declarations of origin;

(2) Whereas consultations with the People's Republic of China were requested and held in order to clarify the situation and determine, on the basis in particular of the documentary evidence submitted by the European Commission, the true origin of the products concerned and reach an agreement on an equivalent adjustment of the quantitative limit applicable to exports of the concerned category to the European Community from the People's Republic of China;

(3) Whereas on 6 July 1999 agreement was reached on the adjustment which should be made which is deemed to constitute a satisfactory solution within the meaning of Article 15 of Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 by way of effecting deductions in two yearly instalments of goods of the amount of 5 408 295 pieces of category 4;

(4) Whereas the first adjustment should be made on the quantitative limit set out for the quota year 1999 by the current bilateral agreement on trade in textile and clothing goods which will expire on 31 December 1999;

(5) Whereas a further deduction should be made on the quantitative limit applicable for the quota year 2000;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The quantitative limit set out for imports of products pertaining to category 4 for 1999 in Annex III to the Agreement between the European Community and the People's Republic of China on trade in textile products, as last amended by an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters initialled on 20 November 1998 [3], is deducted by the amount of 2 704 147 pieces.

Article 2

This Regulation shall come into force on the third 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, 25 November 1999.

For 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] OJ L 12, 16.1.1999, p. 27.