COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1658/2000

of 26 July 2000

on the opening of additional quotas for imports into the Community in the quota year 2001 of certain textile products originating in certain third countries participating in trade fairs organised in November 2000 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 1072/1999 [2] and in particular Article 8 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Additional quotas to those indicated in Annex V to Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 may be opened when required under special circumstances. The Commission has received a request to open additional quotas in view of trade fairs to be held in 2000.

(2) Additional quotas have already been opened for trade fairs in previous years for certain third countries.

(3) 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.

(4) In order to avoid an overutilisation of these additional quotas it appears appropriate to request the Member State on the territory of 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.

(5) It seems appropriate to apply to imports into the Community of products for which the additional quotas are opened the provisions 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.

(6) 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.

(7) 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 1 January 2001.

(8) 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 for the quota year 2001 shall be opened in respect of the trade fairs to be held in November 2000 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 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.

[1] OJ L 275, 8.11.1993, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 134, 28.5.1999, p. 1.

2. Import authorisations shall only be issued on the presentation of an export licence bearing an indication of the fair and year to which it relates in box 9 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 from the third country in which they originate no earlier than 1 January 2001.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh 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, 26 July 2000.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Additional quotas for the Berlin trade fair to be held from 22 to 26 November 2000

(The complete description of the goods is shown in Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93)

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	518
	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
15	1 000 pieces	Belarus	4
	1 000 pieces	India	124
	1 000 pieces	Ukraine	20
	1 000 pieces	Vietnam	20

Category	Unit	Third country (1)	Quantitative limit
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 2000 to a specific conventional regime.