COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2878/2000

of 28 December 2000

amending Annex IV 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 7/2000 [2], and in particular Article 5 in conjunction with Article 25(4) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The quantitative restrictions applicable to textile and clothing imports originating in North Korea are listed in Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 517/94.

(2) The Commission has been requested by certain economic operators to increase the volumes of certain quantitative restrictions for imports of textile products originating in North Korea in order to satisfy certain market requirements.

(3) It is necessary to strike a certain balance between providing the requistie protection for the relevant sector of the Community industry concerned and maintaining an acceptable level of trade with North Korea, bearing in mind the various interests of the parties concerned.

(4) An analysis of the situation in the Community industry concerned shows that the increase of the level of certain quotas for North Korea will not prejudice the above-mentioned objective.

(5) 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 economic operators.

(6) Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 517/94 should therefore be adapted.

(7) 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.

(8) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Textiles Committee, as defined by Regulation (EC) No 517/94,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 517/94 is hereby replaced by the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

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, 28 December 2000.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 67, 10.3.1994, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 2, 5.1.2000, p. 51.

ANNEX

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ANNUAL COMMUNITY QUANTITATIVE LIMITS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 3(1)

North Korea

Category	Unit	Restraint level
1	tonnes	128
2	tonnes	145
3	tonnes	49
4	1 000 pieces	285
5	1 000 pieces	185
6	1 000 pieces	216
7	1 000 pieces	93
8	1 000 pieces	302
9	tonnes	71
12	1 000 pairs	1 290
13	1 000 pieces	1 509
14	1 000 pieces	154
15	1 000 pieces	173
16	1 000 pieces	88
17	1 000 pieces	61
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	286
28	1 000 pieces	285
29	1 000 pieces	120

Category	Unit	Restraint level
31	1 000 pieces	293
36	tonnes	91
37	tonnes	356
39	tonnes	51
59	tonnes	466
61	tonnes	40
68	tonnes	120
69	1 000 pieces	184
70	1 000 pieces	270
73	1 000 pieces	149
74	1 000 pieces	133
75	1 000 pieces	39
76	tonnes	120
77	tonnes	14
78	tonnes	184
83	tonnes	54
87	tonnes	5
109	tonnes	10
117	tonnes	51
118	tonnes	23
142	tonnes	10
151A	tonnes	10
151B	tonnes	10
161	tonnes	152’