COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 501/2001

of 14 March 2001

on the authorisation of transfers between the quantitative limits of textiles and clothing products originating in the People's Republic of China

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 Regulation (EC) No 2474/2000 [2], and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 5 of the Agreement between the Community and the People's Republic of China on trade in textiles products, initialled on 9 December 1988 [3], and as last amended and extended by the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters, initialled on 19 May 2000 [4], provides that transfers may be made between quota years.

(2) The People's Republic of China made a request on 29 December 2000 for an advance use of quantities from the quantitative limits for the year 2001.

(3) The transfers requested by the People's Republic of China fall within the limits of the flexibility provisions referred to in Article 5 of the Agreement between the Community and the People's Republic of China on trade in textiles products, initialled on 9 December 1988 and as set out in Annex VIII to Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93.

(4) It is appropriate to grant the request.

(5) 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 the People's Republic of China are authorised for the quota year 2000 as detailed in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply to the quota year 2000.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 14 March 2001.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 275, 8.11.1993, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 286, 11.11.2000, p. 1.
[3] OJ L 367, 31.12.1988, p. 75.
[4] OJ L 314, 14.12.2000, p. 13.

ANNEX

Category 6: advance use of 1 049 160 pieces from year 2001 quantitative limits.

Category 7: advance use of 499 160 pieces from year 2001 quantitative limits.

Category 21: advance use of 333 000 pieces from year 2001 quantitative limits.