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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 25 June 1976

authorizing Ireland to maintain protective measures in respect of footwear with uppers of leather, falling within Common Customs Tariff subheading 64.02 A, under Article 135 of the Act of Accession

(Only the English text is authentic)

(76/571/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the Act of Accession ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 135 thereof,

Having regard to the application by Ireland of 31 May 1976,

Whereas the Commission Decision of 22 December 1975 ⁽²⁾ authorized Ireland to take protective measures in respect of certain footwear under Article 135 of the Act of Accession ;

Whereas during the period since the assessment of the situation made at the time of the said Decision the Irish footwear industry has continued to encounter serious difficulties which are liable to persist ; whereas statistics available for 1976 indicate a continued increase in imports, a continued decline in exports and a continued deterioration in the production and employment situation ;

Whereas arising out of the Commission Decision of 10 July 1975 ⁽³⁾ the Irish Government commissioned management consultants to draw up a plan for the reorganization of the footwear industry ; whereas the management consultants have recently completed and submitted their report which is currently under study by the competent ministry and will be the subject of

consultations with industry and the unions ; whereas the extension of existing protective measures for a further period of six months is strictly necessary to enable the parties concerned to decide upon and to start to put into effect measures of reorganization to bring the situation back into balance and to adapt the sector to the economy of the common market,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

Commission Decision of 22 December 1975 is hereby amended as follows :

In Article 1 for '30 June 1976' read '31 December 1976'.

In Article 3 (2) for '1 March 1976' read '1 November 1976'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 25 June 1976.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 14.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 32, 6. 2. 1976, p. 22.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 212, 9. 8. 1975, p. 17.