

**COMMISSION DECISION**

of 3 November 1977

**authorizing the French Republic not to apply Community treatment to garments falling within heading No 61.01, 61.02 or 61.03 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Czechoslovakia and in free circulation in the other Member States**

(Only the French text is authentic)

(77/787/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular the first paragraph of Article 115 thereof,

Having regard to the application under the first paragraph of Article 115 of the Treaty, made on 27 October 1977 by the French Government to the Commission by telex from the office of its Permanent Representative to the European Communities, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to garments falling within heading No 61.01, 61.02 or 61.03 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Czechoslovakia and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas for the garments falling within Chapter 61 of the Common Customs Tariff, France, in accordance with the Council Decision of 13 December 1976<sup>(1)</sup>, has opened, in respect of Czechoslovakia, an annual quota of FF 6 016 000, of which 95.5 % has been used up for direct imports;

Whereas according to information supplied by the French Government, the French clothing industry is in an extremely difficult situation, involving a decrease in production and substantial structural unemployment;

Whereas the indirect imports of the products in question, given those already effected in 1977, would be likely to aggravate these economic difficulties;

Whereas it is not possible to set in motion rapidly the machinery for bringing about the necessary cooperation from the other Member States;

Whereas authorization should accordingly be given, for a limited period, for the application of protective

measures, under the first paragraph of Article 115, subject to the conditions laid down by the Commission Decision of 12 May 1971<sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 1 thereof,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The French Republic is authorized not to apply Community treatment to imports of garments falling within heading No 61.01, 61.02 or 61.03 of the Common Customs Tariff, where they originate in Czechoslovakia and are in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 18 October 1977.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall apply until new opportunities arise in the French Republic for the importation of the products in question and in any case not later than 31 December 1977.

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 3 November 1977.

*For the Commission*

Étienne DAVIGNON

*Member of the Commission*

(1) OJ No L 365, 31. 12. 1976.

(2) OJ No L 121, 3. 6. 1971, p. 26.