

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 24 November 1978

authorizing the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands not to apply Community treatment to knitted or crocheted trousers (except shorts), other than babies', of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres, falling within subheading ex 60.05 A II of the Common Customs Tariff (NIMEXE codes 60.05-61, 62, 64), originating in Taiwan and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the Dutch and French texts are authentic)

(78/1000/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 17 November 1978 by the Governments of the Benelux countries to the Commission of the European Communities, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to knitted or crocheted trousers (except shorts), other than babies', of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres, falling within subheading ex 60.05 A II of the Common Customs Tariff (NIMEXE codes 60.05-61, 62, 64), originating in Taiwan and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas the importation into the Community of the products in question originating in Taiwan is subject to a Community quantitative quota allocated among the Member States by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3020/77 of 30 December 1977<sup>(1)</sup>, confirmed by Council Regulation (EEC) No 255/78 of 7 February 1978<sup>(2)</sup>;

Whereas it was not possible on that occasion to allocate these quotas on the basis of the needs of the individual markets; whereas there are therefore disparities existing between the import conditions in the various Member States; whereas uniformity can only be achieved progressively;

Whereas the disparities which exist in the commercial policy measures applied in connection with these products by the Member States are causing deflection of trade, thereby preventing the execution of those commercial policy measures which are in force because of the difficult economic situation in the sector concerned;

Whereas it appears from the application submitted that there are serious difficulties in the industrial sector concerned, involving a considerable drop in production and employment;

Whereas these economic difficulties are caused largely by unequal conditions of competition, which allow exports to be made at prices appreciably lower than those of the Community products in question;

Whereas further indirect imports, in addition to those already made or proposed, would be likely to aggravate these 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 the application of protective measures under the first paragraph of Article 115, subject to the conditions laid down in Commission Decision 71/202/EEC of 12 May 1971<sup>(3)</sup>, and in particular Article 1 thereof;

Whereas, however, the application for a licence which gave rise to the application in question does not need to be covered by such an authorization in view of the small amount involved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands are authorized not to apply Community treatment to the products indicated below, where they originate in Taiwan and are in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 357, 31. 12. 1977, p. 51.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 39, 9. 2. 1978, p. 1.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 121, 3. 6. 1971, p. 26.

for import licences were lodged after 9 November 1978 :

CCT heading No	Description
ex 60.05 A II (NIMEXE codes 60.05-61, 62, 64)	Knitted or crocheted trousers (except shorts), other than babies', of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres

*Article 2*

This Decision shall apply until new opportunities arise in the Benelux countries for the importation of

these products from Taiwan or until 31 December 1978, whichever is the earlier.

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Done at Brussels, 24 November 1978.

*For the Commission*

Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

*Vice-President*