

COMMISSION DECISION

of 31 January 1978

authorizing the French Republic not to apply Community treatment to gloves, mittens and mitts, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized, of synthetic and regenerated textile fibres, falling within heading No ex 60.02 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Taiwan and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the French text is authentic)

(78/214/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 26 January 1978 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 gloves, mittens and mitts, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized, of synthetic and regenerated textile fibres, falling within heading No ex 60.02 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Taiwan and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas imports into the Community of the products in question originating in Taiwan are subject to a Community quantitative quota, allocated among the Member States, established by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3020/77 of 30 December 1977 on rules for imports of certain textile products originating in Taiwan⁽¹⁾;

Whereas, since it was not possible when the Community quota was opened to achieve full alignment of the import arrangements previously applied in the Member States, Regulation (EEC) No 3020/77 provides, as a temporary measure, for a derogation from the principle of equal and continuous access for all Community importers to Community quotas by stipulating that the allocation of the quota in question need only progressively be adjusted to the supply requirements of the markets;

Whereas for this reason this allocation of the quota in question still involves certain disparities in the quota shares fixed for the various Member States by reference to the supply requirements of the markets concerned;

Whereas, according to information supplied by the French Government, there are serious economic difficulties in this sector of textile industry, resulting in a progressive decline of production and a constant reduction of the number of workers employed in that sector;

Whereas these economic difficulties are caused largely by unequal conditions of competition with certain countries (including Taiwan), whereby such countries are enabled to export at prices lower than those of the French producers;

Whereas the indirect imports in question, which would be in addition to those already effected, would be likely to aggravate these economic difficulties;

Whereas it is not possible at the present time to set in motion 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⁽²⁾, 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 gloves, mittens and mitts, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized, of synthetic and regenerated textile fibres, falling within heading No ex 60.02 of the Common Customs Tariff, where they originate in Taiwan and are in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 16 January 1978.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 357, 31. 12. 1977.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 121, 3. 6. 1971, p. 26.

Article 2

Done at Brussels, 31 January 1978.

This Decision shall apply until new opportunities arise in the French Republic for the importation of the product in question from Taiwan and in any case not later than 31 December 1978.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

For the Commission

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Vice-President
