

**COMMISSION DECISION**

of 20 November 1978

**authorizing the French Republic not to apply Community treatment to natural honey, falling within heading No 04.06 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Mexico and Argentina and in free circulation in the other Member States**

(Only the French text is authentic)

(78/989/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 13 November 1978 by the French Government to the Commission of the European Communities, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to natural honey, falling within heading No 04.06 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Mexico and Argentina and in free circulation in the other Member States ;

Whereas in France the import of the products in question originating in Mexico and Argentina is subject to an annual quota which is currently being distributed entirely ;

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 according to information supplied by the French Government the honey production sector, which is characteristic of certain economically less-favoured mountain regions (Alps, Pyrenees, Massif Central), is faced with a serious economic crisis ;

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>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 1 thereof,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

*Article 1*

The French Republic is hereby authorized not to apply Community treatment to the products indicated below, where they originate in Mexico and Argentina and are in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 1 November 1978 :

CCT heading No	Description
04.06	Natural honey

*Article 2*

This Decision shall apply until new opportunities arise in France for the importation of these products from Mexico and Argentina or until 31 December 1978, whichever is the earlier.

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 20 November 1978.

*For the Commission*  
 Wilhelm HAFERKAMP  
*Vice-President*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 121, 3. 6. 1971, p. 26.