

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 21 October 1977

**authorizing the United Kingdom not to apply Community treatment to cotton yarn, falling within heading No 55.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the Arab Republic of Egypt and in free circulation in the other Member States**

(Only the English text is authentic)

(78/5/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 12 October 1977 by the United Kingdom 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 cotton yarn, falling within heading No 55.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the Arab Republic of Egypt and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas by Regulation (EEC) No 1566/77 of 12 July 1977<sup>(1)</sup> the Commission for the period 1 July to 31 December 1977 made imports to the Community of cotton yarn originating in Egypt subject to the presentation of an import document issued by the authorities of the Member States up to certain amounts; whereas this was confirmed by Council Regulation of 5 August 1977<sup>(2)</sup>;

Whereas the abovementioned amounts were fixed after taking account of the rules of application of the so-called binding consultation clause of the Agreement negotiated by the Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt with the terms of Article 4 of the Arrangement regarding international trade in textiles initialled on 13 May 1976; whereas because of this there are disparities in the rules of imports concerned among the import conditions in the various Member States;

Whereas in this context the import documents issued by the United Kingdom authorities for cotton yarn originating in Egypt have reached the full amount laid down for the United Kingdom;

Whereas there are serious economic difficulties in the sector of the textile industry in question, as shown by a decline in production and a growing rate of unemployment;

Whereas those imports currently put into free circulation, added to those already effected, are likely to worsen these difficulties;

Whereas it is not possible to set in motion quickly 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 as laid down in the Commission Decision of 12 May 1971<sup>(3)</sup>, and in particular Article 1 thereof;

Whereas, however, those requests for import licences made prior to 5 October 1977 should not be covered by such authorization because of the fact that in relation to these requests the action which lead to the present Decision was introduced outside the time limit laid down by the Decision of 12 May 1977,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The United Kingdom is authorized not to apply Community treatment to cotton yarn falling within heading No 55.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the Arab Republic of Egypt, in free circulation in the other Member States and for which the date of application of requests for import licences is later than 4 October 1977.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall apply until new opportunities arise in the United Kingdom for the importation of the products in question from the Arab Republic of

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 174, 14. 7. 1977, p. 9.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 202, 5. 8. 1977, p. 2.

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

Egypt and in any case not later than 31 December 1977.

Done at Brussels, 21 October 1977.

*For the Commission*

*Article 3*

Guido BRUNNER

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

*Member of the Commission*

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