

## REGULATION (EEC) No 434/75 OF THE COMMISSION

of 21 February 1975

providing for a system of import authorizations with respect to imports into Ireland of certain textile products originating in the Republic of Korea

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to the arrangement regarding international trade in textiles, concluded for the Community by the Council Decision of 21 March 1974<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 3 thereof;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1439/74<sup>(2)</sup> of 4 June 1974 establishing common rules for imports from third countries, and in particular Article 12 thereof;

After consultations with the Advisory Committee set up in Article 5 of that Regulation and with the Government of the Republic of Korea in conformity with the provisions of Article 3 (3) of the aforementioned arrangement;

Whereas imports from the Republic of Korea into the Community market in Ireland have not previously been subject to restriction; whereas a sharp and substantial increase in imports of shirts of all fibres from the Republic of Korea has been recorded by the Irish authorities;

Whereas the products concerned are offered for sale in the Community market in Ireland at prices which are substantially below those prevailing for similar goods of comparable quality in that market;

Whereas imports in 1974 into that market of the products concerned from the Republic of Korea greatly exceeded imports of similar products from all other sources outside the European Economic Community and likewise exceeded the volume of imports from the Republic of Korea of similar products in 1973;

Whereas, the aforementioned sharp and substantial increases in imports of shirts from the Republic of Korea has had deleterious effects on the employment situation in the shirt-making industry in Ireland since the latter half of 1974 with an acceleration in the rate

of unemployment, widespread short-time working and threats of permanent closures for many firms;

Whereas it appears from the factors indicated above and from the statistics and other information supplied by the Irish authorities in the course of the consultations mentioned above that the Community market in Ireland is being disrupted by imports of shirts from the Republic of Korea;

Whereas further sharp and substantial increases in imports of shirts from the Republic of Korea are believed to be imminent, and failure to take immediate protective action would cause further injury to the Irish textile industry in general and to Irish producers of like or directly competing products in particular which would be difficult to remedy;

Whereas, given that the threat of substantial injury originated in imports intended for the Community market in Ireland, it appears justified at present, having regard to existing trade flows, to restrict the application of the protective measures to imports into Ireland;

Whereas these interim protective measures should remain in force until the entry into force of appropriate measures taken by the Council or until the expiry of six weeks following the entry into force of this Regulation, whichever is the sooner,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

The importation into the Community market in Ireland of the products shown below originating in the Republic of Korea shall be subject to the production of an import authorization, to be issued by the competent Irish authorities on presentation of an export visa issued by the competent authorities of the Government of the Republic of Korea. The total quantity of such products for which import authorizations are issued during the period 1 March to 31 August 1975 shall not exceed the following quantities:

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 118, 30. 4. 1974, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 159, 15. 6. 1974, p. 1.

CCT heading No	Description of goods	Quantity (dozens)
ex 60.04	Men's and boys' knitted synthetic shirts; women's and girls' knitted synthetic shirts knitted cotton shirts,	} 7 750
ex 61.03 ex 61.04	Men's and boys' shirts of synthetic fibres Women's and girls' shirts of synthetic fibres	

*Article 2*

1. This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.
2. It shall remain in force until the entry into force of appropriate measures to be taken by the Council under Articles 12 (6) and 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 1439/74 or until the expiry of six weeks following its entry into force whichever is the sooner.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 21 February 1975.

*For the Commission*

*The President*

François-Xavier ORTOLI