

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 562/97

of 26 March 1997

amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 2446/96 of 18 December 1996 concerning imports of certain textile products originating in the Russian Federation

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 517/94 of 7 March 1994 on common rules for imports of textile products from certain third countries not covered by bilateral agreements, protocols or other arrangements, or by other specific Community import rules⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1937/96⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 12 (2) in conjunction with Article 25 (5) thereof,

Whereas the agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Community and the Russian Federation on trade in textile products initialled on 19 December 1995 expired on 31 December 1996 and whereas, pending the resumption and completion of negotiations directed towards the initialling of a new agreement with the Russian Federation, Commission Regulation (EC) No 2446/96⁽³⁾ was adopted in order to safeguard the economic interests of the Community in the further conduct of trade in textile products with that country;

Whereas the measures brought in by that Regulation are to apply until 31 March 1997;

Whereas negotiations to reach a new agreement with the Russian Federation cannot be completed before that date and whereas it is necessary, pending their conclusion and for the reasons given in the grounds for Regulation (EC) No 2446/96, to extend the period of application of that Regulation by three months;

Whereas the Commission will continue in the mean time to do everything possible to reach a new bilateral agree-

ment between the Community and the Russian Federation before this Regulation expires;

Whereas it is necessary to adapt the quantitative limits according to the same criteria as were observed when Regulation (EC) No 2446/96 was adopted and to amend the Annex accordingly;

Whereas these measures conform to the opinion delivered by the Committee set up by Regulation (EC) No 517/94,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 2446/96 is amended as follows:

1. Article 1 (2) is replaced by the following text:
'2. As from the date of entry into force of this Regulation re-imports into the Community, after outward economic processing in the Russian Federation, of textile products listed in the Annex to this Regulation originating in the Community shall be subject to the quantitative limits established in that Annex for the period 1 January to 30 June 1997.'
2. In Article 2 and Article 4 '31 March 1997' shall be replaced by '30 June 1997'.
3. The Annex shall be replaced by the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 April 1997.

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

Done at Brussels, 26 March 1997.

For the Commission

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Vice-President

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 67, 10. 3. 1994, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 255, 9. 10. 1996, p. 4.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 333, 21. 12. 1996, p. 7.

ANNEX

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**Community quantitative limits referred to in Article 1 (1), of Regulation (EC) No 2446/96
applicable from 1 January to 30 June 1997**

Category (1)	Unit	Quantity
1	tonnes	2 614
2	tonnes	7 238
2a	tonnes	556
3	tonnes	1 016
4	1 000 pieces	1 440
5	1 000 pieces	914
6	1 000 pieces	1 604
7	1 000 pieces	452
8	1 000 pieces	1 376
9	tonnes	946
20	tonnes	1 372
22	tonnes	736
39	tonnes	450
12	1 000 pairs	2 256
13	1 000 pieces	2 990
15	1 000 pieces	572
16	1 000 pieces	416
21	1 000 pieces	680
24	1 000 pieces	700
29	1 000 pieces	318
83	tonnes	236
33	tonnes	266
37	tonnes	910
50	tonnes	282
74	1 000 pieces	306
90	tonnes	486
115	tonnes	244
117	tonnes	818
118	tonnes	482

(1) The full description of products falling within these categories is set out in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 517/94.

OUTWARD PROCESSING

**Community quantitative limits referred to in Article 1 (2) of Regulation (EC) No 2446/96
applicable from 1 January to 30 June 1997**

Category (1)	Unit	Quantity
4	1 000 pieces	488
5	1 000 pieces	1 118
6	1 000 pieces	3 094
7	1 000 pieces	1 976
8	1 000 pieces	1 790
12	1 000 pairs	2 386
13	1 000 pieces	714
15	1 000 pieces	1 898
16	1 000 pieces	694
21	1 000 pieces	2 714
24	1 000 pieces	1 380
29	1 000 pieces	2 180
83	tonnes	250
74	1 000 pieces	500

(1) The full description of products falling within these categories is set out in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 517/94.