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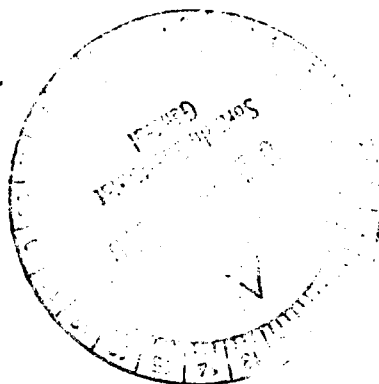
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COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

COM(79) 120 final.

Brussels, 12 March 1979



Proposal for a
COUNCIL DECISION

amending the quotas for the importation into the Benelux countries of
certain textile products originating in Albania and Hungary

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

COM(79) 120 final.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. On 5 February 1979 the Belgian Government, in accordance with Article 3 of Council Decision 75/210/EEC of 27 March 1975 on unilateral import arrangements in respect of state-trading countries¹, notified the other Member States and the Commission, on behalf of the Benelux countries, of its desire for the following increases to be made in certain quotas for the Benelux countries vis-à-vis Albania, Hungary and Romania in respect of textile products covered by the outward processing arrangements:

<u>Albania</u>	<u>Present quotas</u> ('000 pieces)	<u>Increase</u> ('000 pieces)	<u>New Quotas</u> ('000 pieces)	
Category 5:	208	10	218	
Category 6:	678	43	721	
<u>Hungary</u>	Category 4:	1,134	171	1,305
"	5:	748	56	804
"	6 ² :	1,008	164	1,172
"	6 ³ :	1,147	88	1,235
"	8:	48	1	49
<u>Romania</u>	Category 6 ³ :	996	13	1,009

2. With regard to textile products in Group I (the most sensitive products), the Commission has requested that the Benelux countries' request should be the subject of consultation with the other Member States.

¹ OJ No. L 99, 21.4.1975.

² Men's woven shorts and trousers.

³ Women's woven trousers.

The Benelux request calls for the following observations:

- (i) imports under the outward processing arrangements are covered by the global internal ceilings laid down by the Council in 1977 as regards products of the categories in Group I;
- (ii) the global internal ceilings for 1979 have been fully allocated among supplier countries as regards categories 4 and 6.

There is therefore no reserve available to meet the Benelux countries' request regarding these categories of products; moreover, outward processing traffic in textile products with Romania is covered by the mandate for the negotiations on an agreement on industrial products with that country, adopted by the Council on 6 February. For this reason any decision on the amendment of the import arrangements in respect of Romania must be taken by the Council. In the meantime the Member States may not implement the proposed measures (see first indent of Article 7 of Decision 75/210/EEC).

- 3. In view of the foregoing, the Commission made a proposal to the Benelux countries for a compromise that would enable some of the proposed measures to be adopted immediately and the other increases to be re-examined next autumn. However, the Benelux countries could not accept this compromise. Accordingly the Commission was obliged to raise an objection in respect of the measures proposed by the Benelux countries and to lay the matter before the Council in accordance with Article 5(2) and (3) and the first indent of Article 7 of Decision 75/210/EEC.
- 4. The attached draft decision provides for an increase in the quotas for categories 5 and 8 in respect of Albania and Hungary. With regard to categories 4 and 6 in respect of Albania, Hungary and Romania, the possibility of granting the Benelux countries the proposed increases should be examined in the context of the solutions in respect of the global internal ceilings which may be adopted by the Council in the near future in connection with the textile negotiations with Bulgaria and China.

5. Accordingly, the Commission proposes that the Council:
 - adopt the annexed draft Decision;
 - authorise its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities;
 - examine the advisability of according the increases in categories 4 and 6 in the context of the solutions to be adopted in connection with the problems arising out of the textile negotiations with Bulgaria and China.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the Benelux countries, pursuant to Article 3 of Council Decision 75/210/EEC of 27 March 1975 on unilateral import arrangements in respect of state-trading countries¹, have requested that the import arrangements resulting from Council Decision 79/252/EEC be amended as regards Albania and Hungary.

Whereas certain amendments requested by the Benelux countries pose no particular economic problems and the measures in question should be adopted,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

¹ OJ No L 99, 21.4.1975, p. 7.

² OJ No L 60, 12.3.1979.

ARTICLE 1

1. In section (f) of Annex IV (Albania) to the Decision 79/252/EEC, the amount of the quota under the outward processing arrangements in respect of the Benelux countries, as regards category 5, is hereby increased from 208 000 to 218 000 pieces.
2. In section (g) of Annex VI (Hungary) to the same Decision, the amounts of the quotas under the outward processing arrangements in respect of the Benelux countries, as regards categories 5 and 8, are hereby increased from 748 000 to 804 000 pieces and from 48 000 to 49 000 pieces respectively.

ARTICLE 2

This Decision is addressed to the Benelux countries.

Done at

For the Council

The President