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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 1 October 1976

authorizing the French Republic not to apply Community treatment to woven fabrics of synthetic textile fibres (discontinuous or waste) falling within subheading 56.07 A of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Thailand and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the French text is authentic)

(76/883/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 22 September 1976 by the French 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 woven fabrics of synthetic textile fibres (discontinuous or waste) falling within subheading 56.07 A of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Thailand and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas France applies quantitative import restrictions to the products in question originating in Thailand;

Whereas according to information supplied by the French authorities there are serious economic difficulties in the branch of the textile industry in question resulting in a decline of production and a constant reduction of the number of workers employed in that sector;

Whereas indirect imports which would be in addition to those already effected would be likely to aggravate these economic difficulties;

Whereas it is not possible at the present time to set in motion the machinery for bringing about the necessary cooperation from the other Member States;

Whereas authorization should accordingly be given, for a limited period, for the application of protective measures, under the first paragraph of Article 115, subject to the conditions laid down by the Commission Decision of 12 May 1971⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 1 thereof;

Whereas the requests for licences that gave rise to the application under Article 115 need not be covered by this authorization in view of the small quantity involved (22 metric tons), which could have no perceptible effect on the difficult situation of the industry in question,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The French Republic is authorized not to apply Community treatment to imports of the following products:

CCT heading No	Description of goods
56.07 A	Woven fabrics of man-made fibres (discontinuous or waste): A. Of synthetic textile fibres: I. Gauze weighing not less than 80 g/m ² but not more than 120 g/m ² II. Other

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 121, 3. 6. 1971, p. 26.

where they originate in Thailand and are in free circulation in the other Member States and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after the date of this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until new opportunities arise in the French Republic for the importation of the products in question from Thailand and in any case not later than 31 December 1976.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 1 October 1976.

For the Commission

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Vice-President
