

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a  
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

maintaining the arrangements making the importation into Italy  
of certain woven fabrics of cotton and certain woven fabrics of  
synthetic textile fibres originating in the Kingdom of Thailand  
subject to authorization

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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. In a Note Verbale of 24 February 1975 the Community proposed to Thailand that negotiations be opened for the conclusion of a bilateral agreement on trade in textile products, in accordance with the provisions of the Arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles, and in particular Article 4 thereof.

An initial round of negotiations took place last January, following a second round of negotiations, which took place from 25 to 29 April 1977, the two delegations came to an agreement. A draft agreement based on Article 4 of the MFA was initialled on 2 May 1977.

2. Between the two rounds of negotiations, given the disruption of the market in Italy in the sector of woven fabrics of cotton and woven fabrics of synthetic textile fibres - a situation which was being worsened by the increase in imports of the products in question originating in Thailand - the Community had to adopt immediate protective measures under Article 12 of Regulation (EEC) No. 1439/74<sup>(1)</sup>. Accordingly, by Commission Regulation (EEC) No. 808/77 of 21 April 1977<sup>(2)</sup>, amended by Commission Regulation (EEC) No. 979 /77 of 5. May 1977<sup>(3)</sup>, the importation into Italy of the products in question originating in Thailand were made subject to authorization, the issue of authorizations being such that imports in the period 1 March 1977 to 31 December 1977 do not exceed 1,521,000 Kg. as regards woven fabrics of cotton and 2,141,000 Kg. as regards woven fabrics of synthetic textile fibres (discontinuous or waste), unbleached or bleached.

3. Article 12 (6) of Regulation 1439/74 stipulates that measures adopted by the Commission pursuant to that Article must be followed within ten working days by a proposal to the Council on appropriate measures which could be adopted by the Council to replace the emergency measures adopted by the Commission.

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(1) O.J. N. L 159, 15.6.1974, p. 1

(2) O.J. No. L 98, 22.4.1977, p. 8

(3) O.J. No. L116, 7.5.77, p. 12

It must be pointed out that Commission Regulations adopted pursuant to Article 12 of Regulation (EEC) No. 1439/74 expire six weeks following their entry into force unless they are confirmed by the Council.

In this context the Commission proposes that the Council adopt this proposal for a regulation, the purpose of which is to confirm the measures adopted by the Commission regulation referred to in point 2 above.

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In view of the agreement with Thailand which has been negotiated in the meantime, when the Council comes to adopt the import arrangements for textile products originating in that country in implementation of that agreement ( a proposal to that effect will be submitted by the Commission in the very near future), the measures in question will be incorporated in the arrangements so adopted.



Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities,

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council  
The President