

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL DECISION
AMENDING THE QUOTAS FOR IMPORTS INTO ITALY AND FRANCE
OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS ORIGINATING IN ROMANIA

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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(Only the Italian and French texts are authentic)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. In accordance with Article 3 of Council Decision 75/210/EEC of 27 March 1975¹ on unilateral import arrangements in respect of State-trading countries, Italy and France have submitted the following requests for the exceptional opening of additional import quotas for certain products from China and Romania, viz:
 - (a) Italy-China: 50,000 anoraks falling within category 21 and 200 tonnes of cotton fabric (absorbent gauze) falling within category 2;
 - (b) Italy-Romania: bearings (CCT 84.62) to the value of Lit. 940 million;
 - (c) France-Romania: radio and television sets (CCT ex 85.15) to the value of FF 2.79 million.

2. The following observations may be made in connection with these requests:
 - in the context of the negotiations with China on textile products, it is planned to make imports of anoraks subject to the basket system, which has a threshold of 487,000 pieces; in the light of that figure the request made by Italy, which is the only Member State to have a quota for China, may be considered modest;
 - in 1976 absorbent gauze came within tariff heading No. 30.04, which was liberalised in Italy, and imports under that heading were not taken into account in establishing the internal Community ceiling for category 2. This product, after first being sterilised and packed, is used for medical and surgical purposes (imports of gauze sterilised and put up for retail sale are still free in Italy); Nevertheless, on account of the textile negotiations with China, the opportunity of granting Italy the proposed increases should be examined in the context of the solutions which may be adopted by the Council in the near future in connection with the problems of textile negotiations with China.

(1) OJ No. L. 99, 21.4.75

- bearings are subject to quantitative restriction in Italy alone, and radio and television sets only in France and the United Kingdom.

In these circumstances, the quota increases requested by Italy and France would not seem to pose any particular economic problems, and could have been approved by the Commission in accordance with the usual procedure.

3. However, in view of the trade negotiations, authorised by the Council, being carried on with Romania (agreement on industrial products), under the first indent of Article 7 of Decision 75/210, only the Council can at the moment approve these measures.

4. The Commission therefore proposes that the Council:

- adopt the decision, the draft of which is annexed hereto;
- authorise its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities;
- examine the advisability of according the increases requested from Italy for the textiles products from China in the context of the solutions to be adopted in connection with the problems arising out of the textile negotiations with this country.

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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 Council Decision 75/210/EEC of 27 March 1975 on unilateral
import arrangements in respect of State-trading countries¹, and in particular
the first indent of Article 7 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Italy and France, pursuant to Article 3 of Decision 75/210/EEC
referred to above, have requested that amendments be made to the import arrange-
ments applied to Romania and laid down in Council Decision 79/252/EEC²;

Whereas the amendments requested by Italy and France will not give rise to any
particular economic problems; whereas it is therefore necessary to adopt the
measures desired by those Member States,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

¹ OJ No L 99, 21.4.1975, p. 7

² OJ No L 60, 12.3.1979, p. 1

ARTICLE 1

1. Italy shall, by way of exception, open for 1979 an import quota of Lit. 940 million in respect of Romania for bearings falling within heading No 84.62 of the Common Customs Tariff.
2. France shall, by way of exception, open for 1979 an additional import quota of FF 2.79 million in respect of Romania for radio and television broadcast receivers and parts thereof falling within heading No ex 85.15 of the Common Customs Tariff.

ARTICLE 2

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic and the French Republic.

Done at

For the Council
The President