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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION
establishing quantitative quotas for imports of
certain textiles products originating in Taiwan

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Imports into the Community of cotton textile products originating in Taiwan are carried out, at present, under autolimitation rules similar to those provided for in the agreement between the Community and Taiwan which was concluded in 1971 and which expired on 1973. These rules were, de facto, kept in force on a temporary basis until such time as a new arrangement would be reached in the context of the general revision of rules on imports of textiles into the Community, which is at present in preparation.

Imports of other textile products originating in Taiwan are in part free and in part subject to national quotas. For some years imports of some of these products, which are liberalised in one or more Member States, have increased to such an extent that they now contribute significantly to the serious difficulties facing the Community's textile industry.

Furthermore, because of its participation in the Arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles (M.F.A.) which entered into force on 1 January 1974, the Community is obliged to carry out a general restructuring of the quantitative measures regarding textile imports which apply in the Community. In this context the Community has engaged, or will shortly engage, in negotiations with the principal textile-exporting countries which are party to the M.F.A. with a view to the conclusion of bilateral agreements in order to achieve the objectives set out in the M.F.A.

The provisions of the M.F.A. oblige the participating importing countries to take steps to ensure that textile exports from participating countries are not limited more rigorously than the exports of similar products from non-participating countries to the extent that they are likely to cause a market disruption in the Community.

In the circumstances it is considered necessary, in order to prevent serious injury being caused to the Community industry and in order to ensure that the international obligations of the Community are respected, that imports of certain textile products originating in Taiwan should be made subject to quantitative restrictions in accordance with the relevant Community regulations (Council Regulations (EEC) No. 1439/74 and 1023/70).

In accordance with the procedure laid down in Regulation No. 1439/74, consultations have been held on 27 February 1975 within the advisory committee provided for in Article 5 of the Regulation.

The attached proposal for a Council Regulation has been evolved by the Commission on the basis of the guidelines which had previously been adopted by the ad hoc working group on textiles.

The proposal establishes Community quotas for certain products and, in respect of others, it co-ordinates the import rules for Member States. It also fixes the criteria according to which the Community quantitative quotas shall be divided in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 11 of Regulation No. 1023/70. The criteria set out are those which were used in the Council's preparatory work towards the adoption of decisions regarding the opening of bilateral negotiations in the context of the "Multifibres Agreement".

The division⁽¹⁾ will, therefore, be based on these criteria and, in particular, on the results of the work which has already been carried out in this direction.

It is recommended that the Council adopt the proposal for a Regulation which is set out in the annex hereto.

(1) The division will be the subject of a separate Regulation to be adopted by the Commission, also based on Regulation No. 1023/70.

Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION

On rules for imports of certain
textile products originating in Taiwan

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 Regulation (EEC) No. 1439/74 of 4 June 1974⁽¹⁾ on
common rules for imports, and in particular Article 13 thereof;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1023/70 of 25 May 1970⁽²⁾,
establishing a common procedure for the administration of quantitative quotas,
and in particular article 2 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal by the Commission;

Whereas it is necessary to adopt rules for imports of certain textile products
originating in Taiwan within the context of the revision of the rules in
force in the Community, and taking account of the international obligations
of the Community towards certain third countries;

Whereas the inclusion of these textile products originating in Taiwan in
the common liberalised list cannot be envisaged at the moment since such a
measure would run the risk of contributing to the serious difficulties to
which the Community textile industry is at present subject and of creating
thereby situations which would justify the application of safeguard measures;

(1) O.J. No. L 159 of 15.6.1974

(2) O.J. No. L 124 of 8.6.1970.

Whereas it is necessary to establish Community quantitative quotas for certain textiles originating in Taiwan;

Whereas it is necessary to fix the volume of these Community quantitative quotas for the years 1975, 1976 and 1977 in such a way as to allow a certain annual growth whilst avoiding serious injury to the Community producers concerned;

Whereas because of the considerable disparities between the conditions to which imports into Member States are at present subject and because of the particular sensitivity of the Community textile industry, it is only possible to proceed to harmonisation of these import conditions in a progressive manner; whereas it is therefore necessary to retain, particularly as a criterion for the allocation of the Community quantitative quotas, that the volumes admitted in accordance with the present import conditions adapt themselves progressively to the supply needs of the markets;

Whereas for certain other textiles originating in Taiwan, it is necessary in the present situation to fix quantitative restrictions and liberalisation measures applicable in the Member States in a manner which will allow a certain annual growth in imports whilst avoiding serious injury to the Community producers concerned and to facilitate the later harmonisation of these measures within the context of the common commercial policy;

Whereas it is necessary to provide that products introduced into the customs territory of the Community under the inward processing rules or under temporary admission rules and re-exported in the same State or after processing, are not counted against Community quantitative quotas or quantitative quotas applicable in the Member States;

Whereas the Commission has consulted the Advisory Committee set up under Article 5 of Regulation (EEC) No. 1439/74;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

1. Importation into the Community of the textile products set out in Annex I and originating in Taiwan is hereby made subject to Community quantitative quotas;
2. For the years 1975, 1976 and 1977 the volume of these quotas is fixed in the list mentioned in paragraph 1;
3. The quotas shall be allocated in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 11 of Regulation (EEC) No. 1023/70, in such a way as to ensure the expansion and the orderly development of trade in textiles and to allow for carryforward and anticipation from one year to another;

However, the allocation shall be fixed on the basis of the volume of imports admitted under the present conditions applied by Member States; and shall include annual growth rates considerably higher for those Member States in which the volumes are relatively lower, in such a way as to match them progressively to the supply needs of the markets.

Article 2

1. The importation of the products set out in the list in Annex 2 and originating in Taiwan is hereby made subject to quantitative quotas in the Member States indicated in that list and shall not be subject to any quantitative restriction in the other Member States.
2. For the years 1975, 1976 and 1977, the quantitative quotas shall be fixed at the volume indicated in the list mentioned in paragraph 1.

3. The opening and administration of these quantitative quotas shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions applicable in the Member States concerned.

Article 3

1. Member States may authorise imports in excess of the quantitative quotas fixed in Article 1, either by carryforward of quantities not used from the quotas for the previous year or by anticipation of the quotas for the following year, each of these transfers being limited to a maximum of 10% of the quota to be increased.

2. With a view to improving the utilisation of the quantitative quotas provided for in Article 2, the amounts of the quotas may be adapted in conformity with the procedure provided for in Article 11 of Regulation (EEC) No. 1023/70.

Article 4

Products covered by Article 1 or Article 2 which are introduced into the customs territory of the Community under the inward processing rules or under temporary admission rules and re-exported in the same state or after further processing shall not be counted against the quotas provided for in Articles 1 and 2.

Article 5

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

Done at Brussels

Community Quantitative Quotas for Imports

CCT No.		Quantities			
		Units	1975	1976	1977
55.09	Woven fabrics of cotton	tonnes	11.656	12.472	13.345
ex 55.09	Woven fabrics of cotton, other than unbleached and bleached	tonnes	800	856	916
56.05 A	Yarn of man-made fibres (discontinuous)	tonnes	5.163	5.473	5.801
ex 56.07 A	Woven fabrics of man-made fibres (discontinuous) unbleached and bleached	tonnes	9.563	9.850	10.146
ex 56.07 A	Woven fabrics of man-made fibres (discontinuous), other than unbleached and bleached	tonnes	544	560	577
56.07 B	Woven fabrics of regenerated fibres (discontinuous)	tonnes	6.597	6.795	7.000
ex 60.04	Shirts and sports shirts, knitted or crocheted	1000 pc	5.836	6.245	6.682
ex 60.04	Under garments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberised, except shirts and tights	1000 pc	7.552	8.081	8.647
ex 60.05	Jerseys and pullovers	1000 pc	28.595	29.167	29.750
ex 60.05	Other outer garments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberised except jerseys and pullovers	tonnes	1.038	1.142	1.256
ex 61.01) ex 61.02)	Men's, boys', women's, girls' and infants' waterproof garments made of impregnated or coated fabrics within the meaning of heading No. 59.08, 59.09, 59.11 or 59.12 of the nimece	1000 pc	3.404	3.540	3.682
ex 61.01) ex 61.02)	Men's, boys', women's, girls' and infants' trousers and jeans	1000 pc	4.512	4.738	4.975
ex 61.01	Men's and boys' other outer garments other than rainwear, trousers, jeans, overalls, shirts, dungerees and sportswear	tonnes	421	463	509

CCT no.	Description of products	Quantities			
		Units	1975	1976	1977
ex 61.02	Shirts and blouses for women, girls and infants	1000 pc	1.794	1.902	2.016
ex 61.02	Outer garments for women, girls and infants other than rainwear, trousers, jeans, shirts, blouses, aprons, smocks, overalls and sports wear	tonnes	296	326	359
ex 61.03	Shirts for men and boys	1000 pc	10.689	11.010	11.340
ex 61.03	Men's and boys' under garments other than shirts	tonnes	665	725	790
61.04	Women's, girls' and infants' under garments	tonnes	256	279	304

ANNEX IIImport Quantitative Quotas for Member States

CCT No.	Description of Products	Regions of application	Quantities			
			Units	1975	1976	1977
51.04 A	Woven fabrics of synthetic textile fibres - continuous	Benelux GB	tonnes tonnes	12	13	14
56.05 B	Yarn of regenerated textile fibres - discontinuous	Benelux	tonnes	335	358	383
60.02 A	Gloves, mittens and mitts, knit-	F	1000 pairs	59	63	67
B II	ted or crocheted, not elastic		1000			
B III	nor rubberised: Nimexe 60.02.40 60.02.60, 60.02.70	I	pairs	917	981	1050