

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a
COUNCIL DECISION
opening an additional quota for the importation into the United
Kingdom of outer garments and clothing accessories originating
in Hungary

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. On 17 August 1978 the United Kingdom 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 of its desire for the following amendment to be made to the arrangements applied in the United Kingdom in respect of imports from Hungary:

exceptional opening of an additional quota of 110.000 pieces of outer garments and clothing accessories: jerseys, pullovers, slip-overs, twinsets, cardigans, bed-jackets and jumpers, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized, of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres (CCT ex 60.05 A).

2. The United Kingdom's request calls for the following comments:

the additional quota requested is exceptional and will therefore not be extended automatically next year;

the additional quota is in response to market requirements following increased demand.

¹OJ No L 99, 21.4.1975.

3. Since the United Kingdom's request does not pose any particular economic problems, the Commission could have decided itself, in accordance with Article 5(1) of Decision 75/210/EEC on the measure desired by the United Kingdom.

However, in accordance with the first indent of Article 7 of the Decision, as negotiations on textile matters between Hungary and the Community have been authorized only the Council may decide on the measure in question.

This is why the matter is being brought before the Council.

4. Accordingly, the Commission proposes that the Council:

adopt the annexed draft decision;

authorize its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

PROPOSAL FOR COUNCIL DECISION
OPENING AN ADDITIONAL QUOTA FOR THE IMPORTATION INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM
OF OUTER GARMENTS AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES ORIGINATING IN HUNGARY

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 Council Decision 78/545/EEC of 12 June 1978¹ supplements for 1978 the import quotas laid down by Decision 77/809/EEC²; establishes inter alia for the United Kingdom, in its Annex relating to Hungary, a quota of 120 000 pieces of outer garments and clothing accessories: jerseys, pullovers, slip-overs, twinsets, cardigans, bed-jackets and jumpers, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized, of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 3 of Council Decision 75/210/EEC of 27 March 1975³ United Kingdom has requested the granting, by way of exception for 1978, of an additional quota for the importation of 110 000 pieces of outer garments and clothing accessories: jerseys, pullovers, slip-overs, twinsets, cardigans, bed-jackets and jumpers, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized, of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres;

¹OJ No L 168, 26.6.1978, p. 1.
²OJ No L 360, 31.12.1977, p. 1.
³OJ No L 99, 21.4.1975, p. 7.

Whereas the United Kingdom's request poses no particular economic problems and the measures desired by that Member State should therefore be adopted;

Whereas the Council has authorized the negotiation of a textile agreement with Hungary; whereas, consequently, in accordance with Article 7 of Council Decision 75/210/EEC, Member States may no longer implement measures amending their import arrangements applying to Hungary as regards textile products without a prior decision being adopted by the Council in accordance with Article 113 of the Treaty,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The United Kingdom shall open by way of exception for 1978 an additional quota for the importation of 110 000 pieces of outer garments and clothing accessories falling within CCT subheading ex 60.05 A: jerseys, pullovers, slip-overs, twinsets, cardigans, bed-jackets and jumpers, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized, of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres, originating in Hungary.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Done at

For the Council
The President