

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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PROPOSAL FOR

A COUNCIL DECISION OPENING AN ADDITIONAL QUOTA FOR THE  
IMPORTATION INTO ITALY OF WOVEN FABRICS OF FLAX  
FROM POLAND

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(Submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. On 15 June the Italian 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 countries,<sup>(1)</sup> notified the other Member States and the Commission of its request for the following amendment to the unilateral import arrangements applied in Italy in respect of Poland:

- exceptional opening of an additional quota of Lit 100 million for woven fabrics of flax (CCT 54.05):
- limitation for 1978 on the utilization of quota No 22 in Annex V(f) of Decision 77/809/EEC,<sup>(2)</sup> to Lit 765 million (outer and under garments for men, women and children).

2. Italy's request calls for the following comments:

- the additional Lit 100 million quota requested by Italy, which corresponds to approximately 20 t, is exceptional and will therefore not be renewed automatically next year;
- the increase in imports of woven fabrics of flax is counterbalanced by an equivalent reduction in imports of more sensitive products (outer and under garments for men, women and children);
- quotas for the importation into Italy of textiles from East European countries have risen only very sporadically and slightly over the last four years. Since 1974, the Italian quota for woven fabrics of flax from Poland has been increased from Lit 330 million to only Lit 340 million, in spite of the fall in the Italian currency.

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(1) O.J. No. L.99, 21.4.1975

(2) O.J. No. L.360, 31.12.1977

3. Since Italy's request does not pose any particular economic problems, the Commission could have decided on the necessary measures itself, under Article 5(1) of Decision 75/210/EEC.

However, since negotiations were authorized in the textile fields between Poland and the Community, in accordance with the first paragraph of Article 7 of the Decision, only the Council is able to adopt the amendment in question.

4. Accordingly, the Commission proposes that the Council:

- adopt the annexed draft decision;
- authorize its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

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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 the proposal from the Commission,

WHEREAS Annex V(f) - Poland to Council Decision 77/809/EEC of 20 December 1977 for 1978 the import quotas laid down by Decision 75/210/EEC on unilateral (1) import arrangements in respect of State-trading countries (2), establishes for Italy, inter alia, a quota (No 20) of Lit 340 million, for the importation of unbleached woven fabrics of flax, etc., and a quota (No. 22) of Lit 865 million, for the importation of outer and under garments for men, women and children;

WHEREAS under Article 3 of Decision 75/210/EEC Italy has requested the exceptional opening for 1978 of an additional quota of Lit 100 million for the importation of woven fabrics of flax and also the exceptional reduction for 1978 of the said quota No 22 from Lit 865 million to Lit 765 million;

WHEREAS in these circumstances Italy's request does not give rise to any particular economic problems and the measures desired should therefore be adopted,

(1) O.J. No L 260, 31.12.1977, p. 1.

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WHEREAS the Council has authorized negotiations for the conclusion of a textile agreement with Poland: whereas consequently, under Article 7 of Council Decision 75/210/EEC of 22 March 1975 or unilateral import arrangements in respect of state-trading countries (2), Member States may no longer implement measures amending their import arrangements in respect of Poland for textile products, without a prior Decision being adopted by the Council under Article 113 of the Treaty;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. By way of exception for 1978, Italy shall open an additional quota of Lit 100 million for the importation of woven fabrics of flax sailing within position No 5405 of the Common Customs Tariff.

2. By way of exception, for 1978, quota No 22 in Annex V (f) to Decision 77/809/EEC shall be reduced from Lit 865 million to Lit 765 million.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at

For the Council

The President

(2) O.J. No L.99, 21.4.1975, p. 7

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