

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)  
ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMPORTS INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM  
OF CERTAIN TEXTILE PRODUCTS  
ORIGINATING IN THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT

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(presented by the Commission to the Council)

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## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Commission's proposal for a Council Regulation annexed proposes to submit to a quantitative limitation the imports into the United Kingdom of certain textile products (T-shirts and table linen) originating in Egypt.

The limitations have been negotiated in the framework of the bilateral agreement EC/Egypt on the trade in certain textile products concluded under the Multifibre Agreement (MFA). The quantities indicated in this regulation have met the agreement of the third country.

On the internal level, Regulation (EEC) N° 3059/78 of the Council dated 21 December 1978 on common rules for imports of certain textile products originating in certain third countries, including Egypt, sets out in Articles 11 and 15 the procedures for the introduction of such limitations.

For Category 9 (table linen) the level of 300 tonnes has been accepted by Egypt and by the United Kingdom.

As regards Category 4 (T-shirts), the limitation level agreed by Egypt on the basis of a compromise solution, suggested by the Commission representative (575 000 + 125 000 pieces on an exceptional basis for 1980) has not met the agreement of the United Kingdom, which insists on a lower level (450 000 pieces).

In the absence of an agreement, the Community must consider unilateral measures. Wishing to avoid such measures with a country linked to the Community by a cooperation agreement and taking into account the reasonable level agreed by Egypt, the Commission has submitted the compromise solution to the Textile Committee established by Regulation 3059/78. The Commission proposal is supported by the Danish, German, Irish and Italian delegations. The French, Belgian and Dutch delegations abstained and the United Kingdom rejected the proposal.

In the absence of a favourable opinion of the Committee, the Commission is obliged to submit the proposal to the Council, who has to act within one month. Should the Council fail to take a decision within the above time limit, the Commission will adopt the proposed measures.

A rapid decision is necessary considering that the Egyptian exports are suspended for the moment at the Community's request and that after the conclusion of the consultations, this suspension can no longer be imposed on Egypt.

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No  
of  
on arrangements for imports into the United Kingdom of  
certain textile products originating in the Arab Republic of  
Egypt

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,  
Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3059/78 of 21 December 1978 on  
common rules for imports of certain textile products originating in third  
countries<sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2143 /79<sup>(2)</sup>, and in  
particular Articles 11 and 15 thereof,

Whereas Article 11 of Regulation (EEC) No 3059/78 lays down the conditions  
on which quantitative limits may be established; whereas imports into the  
Arab Republic of Egypt of shirts, T-shirts, lightweight roll, polo or turtle-  
necked jumpers and pullovers, undervests and the like, knitted or rubberized,  
other than babies' garments, of cotton (Category 4) and of woven cotton  
terry fabrics, toilet and kitchen linen of woven cotton terry fabrics  
(Category 9) originating in the Arab Republic of Egypt have exceeded the  
respective levels referred to in paragraph 3 of the said Article 11;

Whereas, in accordance with paragraph 5 of the said Article 11, the Arab  
Republic of Egypt was notified on 5.3.1980 of requests for consultations;  
whereas, following those consultations, it is desirable to make the products  
in question subject to quantitative limits for the years 1980 to 1982;

Whereas paragraph 13 of the said Article 11 ensures that quantitative limits  
are observed by means of a double-checking system in accordance with Annex V  
to Regulation (EEC) No 3059/78;

Whereas the products in question exported from the Arab Republic of Egypt  
between 1 January 1980 and the date of entry into force of this Regulation  
must be set off against the quantitative limit for 1980;

(1) OJ No L 365, 27.12.1978, p. 1

(2) OJ No L 248, 2.10.1979, p. 1

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HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Importation into the United Kingdom of the Categories of products originating in the Arab Republic of Egypt specified in the Annex hereto shall be subject to the quantitative limits given in that Annex and to the provisions of Article 2 (1).

Article 2

1. Products as referred to in Article 1, shipped from the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Kingdom before the date of entry into force of this Regulation, and not yet released for free circulation, shall be so released subject to the presentation of a bill of lading or other transport document proving that shipment actually took place before that date.
2. Imports of products shipped from the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Kingdom after the entry into force of this Regulation shall be subject to the double-checking system described in Annex V to Regulation (EEC) No 3059/78.
3. For the purposes of applying the provisions of paragraph 2, the quantities of products shipped from the Arab Republic of Egypt on or after 1 January 1980 and released for free circulation shall be set off against the quantitative limit established for 1980.

Article 3

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

It shall apply until 31 December 1982.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

Category	CCT heading No.	NIMEXE-code (1980)	Description	Member States	Units	Quantitative limit from 1 January to 31 December		
						1980	1981	1982
4	60.04 BI a) IIa) IV d) 1aa dd 2dd	60.04-19; 23;71;79; 89	Under garments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized:  Shirts, T-shirts, lightweight fine knit roll, polo or turtle necked jumpers and pullovers, undervests and the like, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized; other than babies' garments of cotton	UK	1 000 pieces	575 <sup>(1)</sup>	598	622
9	55.08  62.02 B III a)1	55.08-10; 30;50;80;  62.02-71	Terry towelling and similar terry fabrics of cotton:  Bed linen, table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen; curtains and other furnishing articles:  B. Other:  Woven cotton terry fabrics; toilet and kitchen linen of woven cotton terry fabrics	UK	tons	300	318	337

(1) An additional quantity of 125 000 pieces has been fixed for the year 1980