

GENERAL AGREEMENT  
ON TARIFFS AND  
TRADE

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ET LE COMMERCE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

Organe de surveillance des textiles

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 7

Information submitted by the European Community

Note by the Chairman

The attached communication received from the Commission of the European Communities concerns a safeguard measure taken in regard to certain textile imports originating in Malta. The communication has been made for information purposes only in accordance with Article 7 of the Arrangement.

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ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Notification conformément à l'article 7

Information communiquée par les Communautés européennes

Note du Président

La Commission des Communautés européennes a fait parvenir au secrétariat la communication ci-après relative à une mesure de sauvegarde prise à l'égard de certaines importations de textiles originaires de Malte. La communication a été faite pour information seulement en conformité de l'article 7 de l'Arrangement.

COMMISSION  
OF THE  
EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Directorate-General for  
External Relations

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Brussels ..... 13 February 1979  
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Ambassador P. WURTH  
Chairman  
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Dear Mr Ambassador,

The Community has, in the course of 1978, been obliged to adopt a number of safeguard measures in regard to certain textile products originating in countries associated with the Community through preferential agreements.

These measures have been taken pursuant to Art. 55 of the EC-Greece Association Agreement, Art. 60 of the additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement and Art. 10 of the EC-Malta Association Agreement.

In accordance with Article 7 of the Arrangement, the regulations giving effect to these safeguard measures are herewith brought to the attention of the Body for the sole purpose of information.

Yours sincerely,

Enclosures

J.R. BECK

## COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 2617/78

of 8 November 1978

making the importation of certain textile products originating in Malta subject to quantitative limitation

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 493/71 of 1 March 1971 on the safeguard measures provided for in the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and Malta<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 1 thereof,

Having regard to the formal request submitted by the United Kingdom after consultation within the Advisory Committee established by Article 3 of that Regulation,

Whereas there has been a substantial increase in imports from the supplier countries on the Community market; whereas these imports have given rise to market disturbance and are causing serious damage to Community producers resulting in the closure of mills and considerable loss of employment;

Whereas in consequence of this situation imports of certain textile products originating in the majority of low-cost supplier countries are at present subject to a Community system of authorization and quantitative limitation under either bilateral agreements or autonomous arrangements;

Whereas the extremely rapid increase in recent months of imports into the United Kingdom of certain of these products originating in Malta has helped to exacerbate the cumulative disturbance of that market;

Whereas the volume of this increase makes it necessary to take immediate action aimed at avoiding irreparable damage to United Kingdom producers and a serious deterioration in the economic situation of that region of the Community; whereas it therefore justifies the adoption, pursuant to Article 10 of the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and Malta, of the protective measures needed to overcome these difficulties,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

1. The importation into the United Kingdom of the textile products listed in Annex A hereto, origi-

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 61, 14. 3. 1971, p. 74.

nating in Malta, shall be suspended until 31 December 1978.

2. The provisions of the preceding paragraph shall not apply to products which have been placed on board and are in the course of shipment to the Community before the entry into force of this Regulation.

*Article 2*

1. The importation into the United Kingdom of textile products listed in Annex B hereto, originating in Malta, shall be subject, until 31 December 1978, to the quantitative limits specified therein.

2. The preceding paragraph shall not apply to products which have been placed on board and are in the course of shipment to the Community before the entry into force of this Regulation.

3. Imports effected between 1 January 1978 and the date of entry into force of this Regulation shall be deducted from the quantities referred to in paragraph 1.

4. The regional quantitative limits specified in paragraph 1 shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1023/70 of 25 May 1970 establishing a common procedure for administering quantitative quotas<sup>(2)</sup>.

5. The entry into free circulation of the products referred to in paragraph 1 shall be subject to the presentation of an import authorization or equivalent document issued by the authorities of the United Kingdom.

*Article 3*

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

It shall be applicable until 31 December 1978.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 148, 8. 6. 1970, p. 1.

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

Done at Brussels, 8 November 1978.

*For the Commission*  
Christopher TUGENDHAT  
*Member of the Commission*

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## ANNEX A

Category	CCT heading No	NIMEXE code (1978)	Description	Member State
2	55.09	55.09-01; 02; 03; 04; 05; 11; 12; 13; 14; 15; 16; 17; 19; 21; 29; 31; 33; 35; 37; 38; 39; 41; 49; 51; 52; 53; 54; 55; 56; 57; 59; 61; 63; 64; 65; 66; 67; 68; 69; 70; 71; 72; 73; 74; 76; 77; 78; 81; 82; 83; 84; 86; 87; 92; 93; 97	Other woven fabrics of cotton :  Woven fabrics of cotton, other than gauze, terry fabrics, narrow woven fabrics, pile fabrics, chenille fabrics, tulle and other net fabrics	UK
6	ex 61.01  ex 61.02 B	61.01-62; 64; 66; 72; 74; 76  61.02-66; 68; 72	Men's and boys' outer garments  Women's, girls' and infants' outer garments :  B. Other :  Men's and boys' woven breeches, shorts and trousers (including slacks); women's, girls' and infants' woven trousers and slacks of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres	UK
8	ex 61.03	61.03-11; 15; 19	Men's and boys' under garments, including collars, shirt fronts and cuffs :  Men's and boys' shirts, woven, of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres	UK

## ANNEX B

Category	CCT heading No	NIMEXE code (1978)	Description	Member State	Units	Quantitative limits from 1. 1. to 31. 12. 1978
1	55.05	55.05-13; 19; 21; 25; 27; 29; 33; 35; 37; 41; 45; 46; 48; 52; 58; 61; 65; 67; 69; 72; 78; 92; 98	Cotton yarn, not put up for retail sale	UK	Tonnes	274
4	ex 60.04	60.04-01; 05; 13; 18; 28; 29; 30; 41; 50; 58	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 or synthetic textile fibres; T-shirts and lightweight fine knit roll, polo or turtle necked jumpers and pullovers of regenerated textile fibres	UK	1 000 pieces	365
7	ex 60.05 A II  ex 61.02 B	60.05-22; 23; 24; 25  61.02-78; 82; 84	Outer garments and other articles, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized:  A. Outer garments and clothing accessories: II. Other  Women's, girls' and infants' outer garments:  B. Other:  Blouses and shirt blouses, knitted or crocheted (not elastic or rubberized), or woven, for women, girls and infants, of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres	UK	1 000 pieces	304