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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

making the importation into Greece of certain jute products
originating in Bangladesh and India subject to quantitative
limitation

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

I. Two Agreements are in force between the Community on the one hand and India and Bangladesh on the other on trade in jute products. These Agreements involve, inter alia, voluntary restraint by these two countries in their exports of certain of these products to the Community for the duration of the Agreements, that is until 31 December 1983.

In order to adapt these Agreements to the accession of Greece to the Community, the Council authorised the Commission to start negotiations with India and Bangladesh. As these Agreements contain voluntary restraint limits, the administration of which is entrusted to the exporting countries, the amount of these limits in the case of Greece must be agreed with the exporting third countries.

II. As these negotiations were not concluded by the end of 1980, unilateral measures were adopted for 1981 so as to align arrangements for the import into Greece of the products in question with those in force in the Community as a result of the Agreements; limits on imports into Greece of jute products for which there are Community quantitative restrictions in the Agreements with Bangladesh and India were therefore laid down by Council Regulation (EEC) No 3505/80 of 22 December 1980¹.

III. In view of the fact that it has not yet been possible to reach a negotiated solution the unilateral arrangements must be extended for 1982, it being understood that as soon as the negotiations are completed these arrangements will be replaced by new provisions corresponding to the outcome of the negotiations.

The quantitative limits fixed for Greece for 1981 will be increased for 1982 by the same percentage as the one affecting the voluntary restraint limits under the Agreements with India and Bangladesh.

IV. Consequently, the Commission recommends that the Council adopt the following regulation.

(1) OJ No L 367, 31.12.1980, page 77

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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 Agreements on trade in jute products have been negotiated between the Community on the one hand and India and Bangladesh on the other, providing for voluntary restraint of exports of certain of these products to the Community;

Whereas by Regulation (EEC) No 3505/80

(1), the Council made the importation into Greece of certain jute products originating in Bangladesh or India subject to quantitative limitation so as to align the rules for imports into that Member State as closely as possible on those applying in the other Member States of the Community; whereas these arrangements were introduced pending the outcome of the current negotiations with Bangladesh and India to adapt the said Agreements to take account of the accession of Greece;

Whereas, since these negotiations have not yet been concluded it proves to be necessary to maintain, as a transitional measure pending their conclusion the rules in force for Greece in 1981, with a certain increase in the level of quantitative limits on imports,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION

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

Done at Brussels,

Article 1

From 1 January to 31 December 1981 imports into Greece of the jute products listed in the Annex and

originating in Bangladesh or India shall be subject to this Regulation.

Article 2

Imports into Greece of the jute products listed in the Annex shall be subject to an import authorization to be issued by the Greek authorities up to the quantitative limits indicated in the Annex.

Article 3

Products admitted into Greece under inward processing or other suspensory arrangements shall not, provided that they are declared under such arrangements to be for re-export from that territory to a third country in their original state or after processing, be set off against the quantitative limits referred to in Article 2.

Article 4

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

For the Council

The President

ANNEX

Quantitative limits for imports into Greece of certain jute products originating in Bangladesh and India

Quantitative limits 1982

(Tonnes).

Category	CCT heading No	NIMEXE code	Description	Bangladesh	India
4	57.10 B	57.10-6 2	Woven fabrics of jute or of other bast fibres of heading No 57.03: ex B. Of a width of more than 150 cm but not more than 310 cm, other than those of category 7	9	381
7	57.10 B	57.10-70	Woven fabrics of jute or of other textile bast fibres of heading No 57.03: ex B. Of a width of more than 150 cm, wholly or partially bleached, dyed or printed and having no visible selvedge in the width	6	223