

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

adjusting the national shares in respect of certain quantitative
limits on imports of textile products originating in third countries

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. Council Regulation (EEC) No 3059/78 of 21 December 1978 laid down common rules, applicable until 1982, for imports into the Community of certain textile products originating in third countries. These arrangements incorporate the Community quantitative limits negotiated with various third countries, and indicate the shares as between the Member States of the quantities involved.
2. The Community limits have been negotiated but the distribution between the Member States was not negotiated, in the strict sense. The allocation of the limits was carried out by the Community on the basis both of the existing pattern of trade in 1976 and of an objective of burdensharing among Member States. For products falling within Group I, allocation was based on internal global ceilings, at both Community and regional levels, which were approved by the Council and accepted by each Member State as representing the upper limits for low-cost imports from all the origins in question.
3. Several supplier countries have from the outset disputed the Community's methods of distributing the Community limits between the Member States. They have pointed out that effective utilisation of the Community limits which had been negotiated could be frustrated by the Community by the enforcement of further hindrance resulting from the shares allocated to Member States. A number of the supplier countries even felt the Community might make deliberate use of this method to reduce the impact in practice of the agreed Community levels.

To answer such unanimous criticism from the supplier countries, the Commission has therefore had to give an undertaking to ensure the fullest possible utilization of the quantitative limits, and to this end, to take account of the suppliers' requests for adjustments. The provisions of Regulation (EEC) No 3059/78 also recognize this undertaking entered into by the Community.

4. After a year of application of the textile agreements, the Community global ceilings have not been reached. The rigid distribution between Member States may have affected the level of utilization of the negotiated limits for the Community as a whole by some supplier countries which is why they have been so insistent on the need for adjustments to the regional shares.
5. The Commission therefore feels that the supplier countries' requests should as far as possible be granted, provided that this does not call into question the objectives of the textile policy.
6. In the interests of equity, as between the Member States, and compliance with the regional global ceilings, the Commission's proposal incorporates only those requests from supplier countries which can be balanced within the same global ceiling. For part of the balance, use has been made of the quantities set aside within the global ceilings for preferential countries and countries for which no bilateral agreement with the Community yet exists. This is in accordance with the undertakings given by the Commission to the Council with a view to taking account of the interests of the Member States as a whole.
7. The draft measures submitted by the Commission to the Textile Committee, set up under Council Regulation (EEC) No 3059/78, failed to obtain the necessary majority, as a number of delegations did not feel themselves bound to use the whole of their global quotas to meet the requests of the countries with which agreements have been concluded.
8. In the Commission's view, this is an issue where the Community's credibility vis-à-vis third countries is at stake. The Commission maintains the position set out in paragraphs 5 and 6 above, and considers that within the bounds indicated, the supplier countries' requests should be granted (1).
9. Accordingly, in conformity with the procedure laid down in Council Regulation (EEC) No 3059/78, the following proposal is submitted to the Council (see annex to the Regulation).
The Council is requested to pronounce within one month of receiving the proposal, failing which the Commission may adopt the measures.

(1) The table annexed to this explanatory memorandum lists the transfers proposed by the Commission.

Table showing transfers proposed by the Commission (1)

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Cat 1

	D	F	I	BNL	UK	IRL	DK	CEE
Mexico	- 300	+ 300						

Cat 2

	D	F	I	BNL	UK	IRL	DK	CEE
Colombia	+ 300		- 350	+ 50				
Romania	- 100			+ 100				
India	- 200	- 150	+ 450	- 100				
Thailand			- 150	+ 150				
Poland		+ 50	+ 50	- 100				

(1) The amounts of the adjusted national shares for 1979 are given in the draft Council Regulation.

Cat 3

	D	F	I	BNL	UK	IRL	DK	CEE
South Korea		- 50	+ 50					
Poland	+ 50				- 50			
Thailand		+ 50	- 50					

Cat 4

	D	F	I	BNL	UK	IRL	DK	CEE
India		+ 1.000			- 1.000			
South Korea		- 50		+ 20	+ 30			
Thailand	- 60	- 290		- 20	+ 370			
Philippines		- 400			+ 300	+ 100		

Cat 5

	D	F	I	BNL	UK	IRL	DK	CEE
Romania			- 100	+ 100				
Hungary			+ 100	- 100				

Cat 7

	D	F	I	BNL	UK	IRL	DK	CEE
India	- 150	+ 200	+ 100		- 150			
Philippines	+ 150	- 100	- 50					
Hungary		- 20			+ 20			

Cat 8

	D	F	I	BNL	UK	IRL	DK	CEE
India	- 410	+ 100	+ 840		- 530			
Singapore	- 100	+ 100						
Romania	- 260		+ 60		+ 200			
Hungary			- 30		+ 30			

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

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 (1), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1176/79, and in particular Articles 15 and 18 thereof;

Whereas the Community has given undertakings to the supplier countries to adjust the allocation of limits among the Member States and to establish efficient and speedy procedures for adjusting the allocations in such a way as to ensure optimum utilization;

Whereas certain supplier countries have asked that the allocation of Community quantitative limits among the Member States be adjusted in order to take account of the trend of trade flows, and to enable suppliers to utilize agreed Community limits more fully;

Whereas the Community has undertaken to ensure that these quantitative limits should be utilised more fully and to take into account third countries' requests for adjustments;

Whereas in accordance with Article 15 of Regulation No 3059/78 the Commission submitted a draft measure to the Textile Committee; and whereas this measure was not in accordance with the opinion of that Committee;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

(1) O.J. No L 365 of 27 December 1978, p. 1

(2) O.J. No L 149 of 18 June 1979, p. 1

Article 1

The national shares of the quantitative limits established by Annex IV to Regulation (EEC) No 3059/78 shall be adjusted in respect of the year 1979 as indicated in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

ANNEX
 QUANTITATIVE LIMITS ADJUSTED FOR 1979

Category	CCT heading No	NIMEXE code (1979)	Description	Third countries	Member States	Units	Quantitative limits 1979
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	Mexico	D F	Tonnes	680 1021

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							1979
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 fa- brics, narrow woven fabrics, pile fabrics, chenille fabrics, tulle and other net fabrics	Colombia	D	Tonnes	1676
					I		1704
					BNL		357
				India	D	Tonnes	4001
					F		4501
					I		2741
				Romania	BNL	Tonnes	1379
					D		1507
				Thailand (1)	BNL	Tonnes	854
					F		669
					I		4433
				Poland	BNL	Tonnes	1427
F	451						
I	250						
					BNL		138

(1) See Appendix

Category	CCT heading No	NIMEXE code (1979)	Description	Third countries	Member States	Units	Quantitative limits 1979
3	56.07 A	56.07-01; 04; 05; 07; 08; 11; 13; 14; 16; 17; 18; 21; 23; 24; 26; 27; 28; 32; 33; 34; 36	Woven fabrics of man-made fibres (discontinuous or waste): A. Of synthetic textile fibres: Woven fabrics of synthetic fibres (discontinuous or waste) other than narrow woven fabrics, pile fabrics (including terry fabrics) and chenille fabrics	South Korea	F I	Tonnes	498 1677
				Poland	D UK	Tonnes	160 201

Category	CCT heading No	NIMEXE code (1979)	Description	Third countries	Member States	Units	Quantitative limits 1979
4	60.04 BI II a) b) c) IVb) 1 aa) dd) 2 ee) d) 1 aa) dd) 2 dd)	60.04-19; 20; 22; 23; 24; 26; 41; 50; 58; 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 pull-overs, 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, other than babies' garments	South Korea India Philippines Thailand	F BNL UK F UK F UK IRL D F BNL IRL	1000 pièces 1000 pièces 1000 pièces 1000 pièces	4567 998 1735 2302 1200 2902 1908 112 1746 2256 503 2027

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7	60.05 A II b) 4 aa) 22 33 44 55	60.05-22; 23; 24; 25 61.02-78; 82; 84	Outer garments and other articles, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized:	Hungary	F	1000	39	
					UK	pièces	62	
	61.02 B II e) 7 bb) cc) dd)		A. Outer garments and clothing accessories: II Other	Women's, girls' and infants' outer garments:	India	D	1000	8942
						F	pièces	2819
						I		1308
						UK		11096
61.02 B II e) 7 bb) cc) dd)	B. Other: Blouses and shirt blouses, knitted, crocheted (not elastic or rubberized), or woven, for women, girls and infants, of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres	Philippines	D	1000	1127			
			F	pièces	144			
			I		95			

Category	CCT heading No	NIMEXE code (1979)	Description	Third countries	Member States	Units	Quantitative limits 1979
8	61.03 A	61.03-11; 15; 19	Men's and boys' under garments, including collars, shirt fronts and cuffs:	Hungary	I UK	1000 pièces	23 183
			Men's and boys' shirts, woven, of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres	India	D F I UK	1000 pièces	8309 1004 4022 8051
				Romania	D I UK	1000 pièces	3015 630 865
				Singapore	D F	1000 pièces	1145 1241

Appendix

Category	Supplier country	Provision									
2	Thailand	<p>The quantitative limits prescribed in the Annex include fabrics of synthetic fibres (discontinuous or waste) of category 3; within these limits the following sub-limits apply to cotton fabrics of category 2:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="552 714 1219 936"><thead><tr><th data-bbox="552 714 828 782">Member States</th><th data-bbox="828 714 1006 782">Units</th><th data-bbox="1006 714 1219 782">1979</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td data-bbox="552 782 828 851">I</td><td data-bbox="828 782 1006 851">Tonnes</td><td data-bbox="1006 782 1219 851">1975</td></tr><tr><td data-bbox="552 851 828 936">BNL</td><td data-bbox="828 851 1006 936"></td><td data-bbox="1006 851 1219 936">823</td></tr></tbody></table>	Member States	Units	1979	I	Tonnes	1975	BNL		823
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