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COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Brussels, 16 December 1976

Proposal for a

REGULATION (EEC) OF THE COUNCIL

maintaining in effect the rules whereby imports into Italy of cast-iron tube and pipe fittings originating in Taiwan are subject to import authorisations

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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

Explanatory Memorandum

By Regulation (EEC) No. 162/1976[1] the Commission established a system of authorisations for imports into Italy of cast-iron tube and pipe fittings originating in Taiwan. This system which was maintained by the Council by Regulations (EEC) No. 476/1976[2] and (EEC) No. 1552/1976[3], is due to expire on 31 December 1976.

The Italian authorities have requested that this measure be further extended. In support of this request, particular reference is made to the continuing crisis being experienced by this sector of Italian industry. They state that the crisis is marked by an increase in imports in the first half of 1976 to 4,543 tonnes compared with 3,654 tonnes in the same period in 1975. This represents an increase of 24% at a time when the building industry, the principal users of the products concerned, is in recession. If the present system of limitations were no longer applied then imports from Taiwan, which are sold at prices much below their Italian equivalents, could - in the current economic recession - lead to considerable injury to the Italian producers.

In these circumstances, the Commission proposes that the Council should :

- extend the period of validity of the system of authorisations for imports into Italy of cast-iron tube and pipe fittings originating in Taiwan until 31 December 1977.

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(1) O.J. No. L 18 of 27.1.1976, p. 13

(2) O.J. No. L 56 of 4.3.1976, p. 1

(3) O.J. No. L 172 of 1.7.1976, p. 1

Proposal for a Regulation (EEC) of the Council maintaining in effect the rules whereby imports into Italy of cast-iron tube and pipe fittings originating in Taiwan are subject to import authorisations

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1439/74 (1) of 4 June 1974, on common rules for imports, and in particular Article 13 thereof;

Consultations having been held within the Committee set up under Article 5 of the said Regulation;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas by Regulation (EEC) No. 162/1976 (2) , the Commission established rules whereby imports into Italy of cast-iron tube and pipe fittings originating in Taiwan were subject to authorisation;

Whereas by Regulations (EEC) No. 476/1976 (3) and (EEC) No. 1552/1976 (4), the Council maintained these rules in effect until 31 December 1976;

Whereas since the establishment of these measures the development of the market in Italy for this product has been characterised by a decrease in consumption;

Whereas imports from Taiwan continue to be available at prices much below those applied by the Italian producers and in view of the considerable increase in total imports there would be serious injury brought to bear on the Italian proudcers if the measures adopted by the Community were not extended;

Whereas consequently the reasons which justified the establishment of rules whereby imports into Italy of cast-iron tube and pipe fittings originating in Taiwan are subject to import authorisations continue to apply and whereas it is consequently necessary to maintain the rules in effect until 31 December 1977.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The rules whereby imports into Italy of malleable cast-iron tube and pipe fittings originating in Taiwan are subject to import authorisation which were set up by Regulation (EEC) No. 162/1976 and extended by Regulation (EEC) No. 1552/1976 shall be maintained in effect until 31 December 1977.

The total quantity of such products for which import authorisations shall be issued during the period from 1 January 1977 to 31 December 1977, shall not exceed 1640 metric tons.

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(1) O.J. No. L 159 of 15.6.1974, p. 1
(2) O.J. No. L 18 of 27.1.1976, p. 13
(3) O.J. No. L 56 of 4.3.1976, p. 1
(4) O.J. No. L 172 of 1.7.1976, p. L

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1977.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President