COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1574/2003

of 4 September 2003

authorising transfers between the quantitative limits of textiles and clothing products originating in the People's Republic of China

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 of 12 October 1993 on common rules for imports of certain textile products from third countries [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 138/2003 [2], and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 5 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the People's Republic of China on trade in textile products, initialled on 9 December 1988 and approved by Council Decision 90/647/EEC [3], and Article 8 of the Agreement between the European Community and the People's Republic of China on trade in textile products not covered by the MFA bilateral agreement, initialled on 19 January 1995 and approved by Council Decision 95/155/EC [4], both Agreements being as last amended by an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters initialled on 19 May 2000 and approved by Council Decision 2000/787/EC [5], provide that transfers may be made between quota years. Those flexibility provisions were notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body of the World Trade Organisation following China's accession to it.

(2) On 23 June 2003 the People's Republic of China submitted a request for transfers of quantities from the quota year 2002 to the quota year 2003.

(3) The transfers requested by the People's Republic of China fall within the limits of the flexibility provisions referred to in Article 5 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the People's Republic of China on trade in textile products and as set out in Annex VIII to Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93.

(4) It is appropriate to grant the request.

(5) It is desirable for this Regulation to enter into force on the day after its publication in order to allow operators to benefit from it as soon as possible.

(6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Textile Committee set up by Article 17 of Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Transfers between the quantitative limits for textile goods originating in the People's Republic of China fixed by the Agreement between the European Community and the People's Republic of China on trade in textile products are authorised for the quota year 2003 in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 4 September 2003.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 275, 8.11.1993, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 23, 28.1.2003, p. 1.
[3] OJ L 352, 15.12.1990, p. 1.
[4] OJ L 104, 6.5.1995, p. 1.
[5] OJ L 314, 14.12.2000, p. 13.

ANNEX

720 China						Adjustment Transfers from quota year 2002		
Group	Category	Unit	Limit 2003	Working level after previous adjustments (1)	Working level after implementing normal flexibilities (carry over 3 %)	Quantity	%	New adjusted working level
IA	1	kgs	4 491 000	4 094 950	4 229 680	179 640	4,0	4 409 320
IA	2a	kgs	3 765 000	3 802 650	3 915 600	54 716	1,5	3 970 316
IA	3a	kgs	770 000	777 700	800 800	20 843	2,7	821 643
IB	5a	pcs	244 000	244 000	251 320	9 760	4,0	261 080
IB	7	pcs	13 277 000	13 277 000	13 675 310	31 423	0,2	13 706 733
IIA	9	kgs	6 079 000	6 443 740	6 626 110	41 148	0,7	6 667 258
IIA	22	kgs	17 975 000	14 565 639	15 104 889	719 000	4,0	15 823 889
IIA	23	kgs	11 558 000	2 558 000	2 904 740	462 320	4,0	3 367 060
IIB	12	prs	32 721 000	33 752 070	34 733 700	462 679	1,4	35 196 379
IIB	13	pcs	516 216 000	522 090 360	537 576 840	3 641 881	0,7	541 218 721
IIB	14	pcs	14 608 000	14 608 000	15 046 240	584 320	4,0	15 630 560
IIB	15	pcs	17 404 000	17 952 430	18 474 550	136 227	0,8	18 610 777
IIB	16	pcs	16 196 000	17 167 760	17 653 640	647 840	4,0	18 301 480
IIB	17	pcs	12 187 000	12 187 000	12 552 610	487 480	4,0	13 040 090
IIB	26	pcs	5 523 000	5 854 380	6 020 070	75 802	1,4	6 095 872
IIB	28	pcs	81 202 000	86 074 120	88 510 180	3 248 080	4,0	91 758 260
IIB	83	kgs	9 673 000	9 985 960	10 276 150	99 627	1,0	10 375 777
IIIB	97	kgs	2 514 000	2 664 840	2 740 260	100 560	4,0	2 840 820
other	X20	kgs	50 000	50 000	51 500	2 000	4,0	53 500
other	X117	kgs	589 000	624 340	642 010	23 560	4,0	665 570
other	X118	kgs	1 394 000	1 477 640	1 519 460	55 760	4,0	1 575 220
other	X122	kgs	194 000	194 000	199 820	7 760	4,0	207 580
other	X136A	kgs	436 000	436 000	449 080	17 440	4,0	466 520
other	X156	kgs	3 406 000	3 406 000	3 508 180	136 240	4,0	3 644 420
other	X157	kgs	12 489 000	12 295 680	12 670 350	499 560	4,0	13 169 910
other	X159	kgs	4 279 000	4 279 000	4 407 370	171 160	4,0	4 578 530

(1) Normal flexibilities (inter-category transfers).