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Additional Information

A) Autonomous Adjustment

The investment data available do not give any indication about the reasons for the investments carried out. Therefore, any information cannot be given whether the investments are used for scrapping out, conversion or new production lines.

B) Government Measures

For the sake of structural adjustment less competitive branches in the textile and clothing sector have been granted with limited governmental aids to encourage them to change over to other, more viable production sectors. These aids were necessary to facilitate a structural adjustment resulting from changes of the trade and economic policies, including international agreements on barriers to trade. To assure the adjustment procedure respectively its acceleration, the scrapping out of old fashioned machines was required. Therefore, governmental assistance does not apply on enlargement of capacities.

In this context I would like to complete the Austrian figures as follows: The decline of the Austrian textile production was 1.4 per cent in 1981, 4.8 per cent in 1982 and 9.2 per cent from January to May 1983.

The decline of the employment in the Austrian textile industry was 5.2 per cent in 1981, 9.1 per cent in 1982 and 7.9 per cent from January to April 1983. That means a reduction of the employment of 40 per cent between 1971 and 1982.

If the enterprises have fulfilled the requirements for the assistance, the government generally granted allowances. Compared with the total figure of enterprises on the textile sector, only a small number of enterprises complied with the requirements.
C) Market Access

Despite the continuous reduction of employment and closing of enterprises on the textile and clothing sector only a small number of the products which create or could create market disruptions is subject to restrictions. The bulk of the products of the textile and clothing industry can be imported into Austria without restrictions.