ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Reports on the status of restrictive measures,
as requested by the TSB in accordance with Article 11

KOREA

Supplement

The TSB has received from Korea supplementary information to that contained in COM.TEX/SB/733/Add.15 concerning the status of restrictions on imports of textiles into Korea. This information is supplied in reply to a request by the TSB for clarification of certain points in the original notification.

The TSB is circulating the TSB's request and the Korean reply to participants for their information.
Points Needing Clarification Regarding Textile Restrictions
Maintained by Korea, and Notified to the Textiles Surveillance Body
under Article 11

1. Could details be given regarding the criteria needed by industry to make recommendations for imports?

2. Could details be given regarding regulations announced by the Minister of Commerce and Industry? (i.e. criteria need, the manner in which the announcements are made - general announcements covering a range of products or treated individually on demand by importers/exporters, etc.)

3. The previous notification made for the major review and contained in COM.TEX/SB/605/Add.12 gave the last expiry date for restrictions as 30 June 1980. The notification made to the Textiles Surveillance Body on 14 August 1981, lists items under restriction, with effective date of entry as 1 July 1981. Information regarding the period 1 July 1981 to 30 June 1981 is thus lacking. Details on the following points will help the TSB in its review:

   (i) Did all restrictions notified as valid until 30 June 1980 extend to 30 June 1981?

   (ii) When were the products falling under CCCN 51.03, 56.06, 59.03, 59.08, 59.09 and 60.06, included in COM.TEX/SB/605/Add.12, and not in the latest notification, liberalized?

   (iii) When were restrictions on items falling under CCCN 60.04 and 60.05 reintroduced?
Additional Information under Article 11

Korea

Criteria used by industry to make recommendations for imports

The criteria include: the domestic market situation in terms of supply and demand; possible competition faced by domestic producers, and domestic production capacity.

Import regulations announced by the Minister of Commerce and Industry

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry determines whether or not the product concerned is a luxury item, and the effect its imports could have on small and medium industry.

Decisions made by the Ministry are published by the "mass media". They are of a general character and cover a range of products.

Status of restrictions between 30 June 1980 and 30 June 1981

All restrictions notified in the previous report as valid until 30 June 1980, were extended to 30 June 1981.

Certain products in the previous notification (COM.TEX/SB/605/Add.12) were liberalized as follows:

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<td>5606</td>
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<td>5903</td>
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<td>Subject to import regulations, but import of non-woven fabrics used as materials for electricity insulation is subject to the import recommendation.</td>
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Products falling under CCCN 60.04 and 60.05 were subject to restriction under the four-digit system. Under the current eight-digit system some items falling under these headings are subject to automatic approval.