ARTICLE XIX - ACTION BY NORWAY

Various Textile Items

Addendum

The following communication, dated 27 July 1982, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Norway.

With reference to documents L/4692 of 24 July 1978, L/4692/Add.1 of 27 November 1978, L/4692/Add.3 of 5 October 1979, L/4692/Add.4 of 28 February 1980, L/4692/Add.5 of 21 November 1980, L/4692/Add.9 of 18 September 1981 and L/4692/Add.10 of 2 April 1982, the Government of Norway hereby notifies the CONTRACTING PARTIES that the system of global import quotas on various textile items has been prolonged by half a year from 1 January to 30 June 1983.

The global quotas correspond to the quotas established in the second half of 1982, with an increase for quota number 6, and after having added 50 per cent of average yearly imports 1979-1981 from the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand, whose bilateral arrangements with Norway expire on 31 December 1982. In other respects the modalities regarding the global quota system and the principles of implementation remain unchanged.

The quotas for imports in the first half of 1983 are:

1. Knitted shirts, blouses and T-shirts 700,000 pieces
2. Knitted undergarments 2,200,000 "
3. Knitted jackets, jumpers, sweaters, cardigans and pullovers 2,020,000 "
4. Jackets of woven material including part of suits and sets 400,000 "
5. Trousers of woven material including part of suits and sets 850,000 pieces
6. Outergarments of woven material for infants 580,000 "
7. Shirts of woven material 950,000 "
8. Blouses of woven material 660,000 "

The Government of Norway has the intention of acceding to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, as extended by the Protocol of 22 December 1981, provided that satisfactory bilateral agreements can be obtained. The intention is to start negotiations on bilateral agreements in the second half of 1982. The prolongation of the global quotas has been made necessary because it seems impossible to enter into a bilateral system already in the first half of 1983.