GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 3:5

Unilateral measure taken by the United States with respect to imports of a product from the Dominican Republic

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States of a unilateral measure taken by it under Article 3:5 on imports of women's and girls' wool trousers (Category 448) from the Dominican Republic. Attached also is the market statement made by the United States at the time of the request for consultations under Article 3:3.

*English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente
June 27, 1991

The Honorable
Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
GATT
Rue de Lausanne 154
1211 Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Ambassador Raffaelli:

This is to inform the Textiles Surveillance Body that, effective June 20, 1991, the United States Government invoked the provisions of Article 3.5 of the arrangement to impose a restraint on imports of women's and girls' wool trousers (category 448) from the Dominican Republic. The restraint period is from March 28, 1991 through March 27, 1992. The level was set at 45,966 dozen.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister Counsellor
April 19, 1991

The Honorable
Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
GATT
Rue de Lausanne 154
1211 Geneva

Dear Ambassador Raffaelli:

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 3 of Article 3 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I am instructed by my government to inform you that, on March 28, 1991, the United States requested consultations with the Dominican Republic with respect to women's and girls' wool slacks (category 448). A copy of the detailed factual statement which is called for in Article 3.3 and which was provided to the Government of the Dominican Republic at the time of the request is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister Counsellor

Enclosure

IN RECENT MONTHS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS NOTED THE RISING LEVEL OF EXPORTS OF WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' WOOL SLACKS (TEXTILE CATEGORY 448) TO THE UNITED STATES FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. AFTER CAREFUL REVIEW, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS CONCLUDED THAT IMPORTS IN THIS CATEGORY ARE DISRUPTING THE UNITED STATES MARKET. IN ORDER TO AVOID FURTHER DISRUPTION, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HEREBY REQUESTS CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TO DISCUSS AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF RESTRAINT FOR EXPORTS IN CATEGORY 448 FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED STATES.

A DETAILED FACTUAL STATEMENT OF THE REASONS AND JUSTIFICATION FOR THIS CONCLUSION, WITH CURRENT DATA, IS ENCLOSED AS ANNEX A OF THIS NOTE.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT LOOKS FORWARD TO REACHING A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION OF THIS MATTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ARRANGEMENT. IF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ARE UNABLE TO AGREE ON A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THIS MATTER WITHIN SIXTY DAYS FROM THE RECEIPT OF THIS NOTE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES RESERVES ITS RIGHT TO RESTRAIN IMPORTS OF WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' WOOL SLACKS, CATEGORY 448, PRODUCED IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND EXPORTED TO THE UNITED STATES DURING THE TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING ON THE DATE OF RECEIPT OF THIS REQUEST. THIS LIMIT WILL NOT BE LESS THAN THE LEVEL OF UNITED STATES IMPORTS OF PRODUCTS IN CATEGORY 448 FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC DURING THE FIRST 12 OF THE MOST RECENT 14 MONTHS PRECEDING THE MONTH IN WHICH THIS REQUEST IS MADE. THAT FIGURE, FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 1991, IS 45,966.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WOULD APPRECIATE THE VIEWS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WITH RESPECT TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC'S EXPORTS IN CATEGORY 448 TO THE UNITED STATES AND REGARDING A DATE AND VENUE FOR CONSULTATIONS.
MARKET STATEMENT
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
MARCH 1991

WOMEN’S AND GIRLS’ WOOL TROUSERS, SLACKS AND SHORTS
CATEGORY 446

IMPORT SITUATION AND CONCLUSION


THE SHARP AND SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN CATEGORY 446 IMPORTS FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IS CAUSING DISRUPTION IN THE U.S. MARKET FOR WOMEN’S AND GIRLS’ WOOL TROUSERS, SLACKS AND SHORTS.

U.S. PRODUCTION AND MARKET SHARE


U.S. IMPORTS AND IMPORT PENETRATION


DUTY-PAID VALUE AND U.S. PRODUCERS’ PRICE

WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' WOOL TROUSERS, SLACKS AND SHORTS. CATEGORY 443, DUTY-PAID LANDED VALUES AND U.S. PRODUCERS' PRICES (U.S. DOLLARS PER DOZEN)

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TABLE I
WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' WOOL TROUSERS, SLACKS AND SHORTS 1/.
CATEGORY 443. U.S. PRODUCTION, IMPORTS, MARKET.
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1/ BEGINNING IN 1997, U.S. PRODUCTION DATA EXCLUDE INFANTS’ (COMMERCIAL SIZES 0-24 MONTHS) WOOL TROUSERS, SLACKS AND SHORTS. THIS CHANGE IN PRODUCTION WAS A FIRST STEP IN IMPLEMENTING THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM NOMENCLATURE.

2/ U.S. MARKET FOR DOMESTICALLY PRODUCED AND IMPORTED WOMEN’S AND GIRLS’ WOOL TROUSERS, SLACKS AND SHORTS.

TABLE II
WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' WOOL TROUSERS, SLACKS AND SHORTS.
CATEGORY 443. IMPORTS FROM DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND THE WORLD

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