ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Articles 7 and 8

Measures taken by the United States towards the People's Republic of China

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States under the provisions of Articles 7 and 8 of the MFA concerning the establishment of certain restraints on imports of a number of textile and clothing items from the People's Republic of China.

This notification is made for information, bearing in mind the Textiles Committee's request that action taken vis-à-vis non participants in the Arrangement should be notified to the TSB.

1 The previous bilateral agreement between the two countries and an amendment thereto are contained in COM.TEX/SB/634 and 760.

*English only/Anglais seulement.
March 23, 1983

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to the provisions of Articles 7 and 8 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I am instructed by my government to inform the Textiles Surveillance Body of the establishment of restraints on the importation of a number of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products from the Peoples Republic of China to the United States of America.

Since China is not a participant in the Arrangement, this notification is being made for information only.

Attached hereto is a copy of the Federal Register Notice giving effect to these restraints.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister-Counselor
COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Requesting Public Comment on and Announcing Import Restraint Levels for Certain Cotton, Wool, and Man-Made Fiber Textile and Apparel Products from the People's Republic of China:

January 14, 1983.

On December 28, 1982 a notice was published in the Federal Register (47 FR 57748) which advised the public that if no mutually satisfactory solution were reached by January 15, 1983 in negotiations between the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China in the effort to conclude a new bilateral agreement, the United States Government would take further action under Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1958, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1834), to control imports of cotton, wool, and man-made fiber textile products from the People's Republic of China, effective on January 1, 1983.

Further discussions have taken place, but no agreement has yet been reached. Accordingly, until modified, pursuant to agreement or otherwise, in order to avoid market disruption, or threat thereof, and to assure that the operation of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (MFA) is not frustrated, the Government of the United States has informed the Government of the People's Republic of China that, effective on January 1, 1983, imports of cotton, wool, and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in China, will be restrained to ensure that the following levels are not exceeded for the periods indicated below:
As announced in the notice document preceding the directive of December 6, 1982 from the Chairman of the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements to the Commissioner of Customs (See 47 FR 55407), charges of 39,351 dozen will be made to the level of restraint for cotton textile products in Category 335 to account for 1981 over shipments which were deducted from imports charged to the 1982 level for this category.

Cotton, wool, and man-made fiber textile products in Categories 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 443, and 444, exported to the United States during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1982 and extended through December 31, 1982, shall, to the extent of any unfilled balance, be charged against the levels of the restraint established for such goods during that period. Cotton textile products in Category 335, exported during the period which began on January 1, 1982 and extended through December 31, 1982, shall, to the extent of any unfilled balance, be charged to the level of restraint established for that period. In the event the applicable restraint levels for these periods have been exhausted by previous entries, such goods shall be subject to the levels for the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1983.

Textile products in Categories 337, 340, 341, and 443 and 444, exported during the ninety-day restraint periods previously established, which are in excess of the levels stipulated for those periods, will be charged to the twelve-month levels established in the following letter to the Commissioner of Customs for the twelve-month periods which end, respectively, on July 23, 1983 and November 23, 1983.

Textile products in Categories 331, 332, 333, and 635, exported during the ninety-day period which began on October 20, 1982 which are in excess of the levels of restraint established for that period will be charged to the levels established for the twelve-month period ending on January 17, 1983.

Textile products in Categories 350 and 447 exported during the ninety-day period which began on December 1, 1982 which are in excess of the levels of restraint established for that period will be charged to the levels established for the twelve-month period ending on February 28, 1984.

All of these actions are taken pursuant to Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854). The decision to take such actions was made by the Textile Trade Policy Group at the recommendation of the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Further discussions are anticipated with the Government of the People's Republic of China. The letter published below is subject, therefore, to termination or revision as a result of those discussions.

Any party wishing to comment or provide data or information regarding the treatment of the categories specified in this document, or on any other aspect thereof, or to comment on domestic production or availability of textiles and apparel included in these categories, is invited to submit such comments or information in ten copies to Mr. Walter C. Lenahan, Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20220. Since the exact timing of further discussions with the Government of the People's Republic of China is not certain, comments should be submitted promptly. Comments or information submitted in response to this notice will be available for public inspection in the Office of Textiles and Apparel, Room 3100, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230, and may be obtained upon written request.

Further comment may be invited regarding particular comments or information received from the public which the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements considers appropriate for further consideration.

The solicitation of comments is not a waiver in any respect of the exemption contained in 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1) relating to matters which constitute "a foreign affairs function of the United States." In the letter published below the Chairman of the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements directs the Commissioner of Customs, effective on January 1, 1983 and for the stipulated restraint periods, to limit the amounts of cotton, wool, and man-made fiber textile products in the foregoing categories, produced or manufactured in the People's Republic of China, which may be entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption in the United States, to the designated levels.

Effective date: January 19, 1983.

Paul T. O'Day,
Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements
Dear Mr. Commissioner,

This directive supersedes the directives of August 23, October 19, November 12, and December 3, 1982, which directed you to prohibit entry of certain cotton, wool, and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in the People's Republic of China and exported during specified periods.

Under the terms of Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1986, as amended (7 U.S.C 1854), and in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 11951 of March 3, 1972, as amended by Executive Order 11951 of January 8, 1977, you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 19, 1983 and for the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1983 and extending through December 31, 1983, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, wool, and man-made fiber textile products in Categories 315, 321, 324, 330, 333, 334, 341, 342, 347/348, 443, 444, 445, 447, 448, and 459, produced or manufactured in China and exported during that twelve-month period, in excess of the following levels of restraint:

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\[1] Textile products in Categories 315, 321, 324, 330, 333, 334, 341, 342, 347/348, 443, 444, 445, 447, 448, and 459, produced or manufactured in China and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1982 and extended through December 31, 1982, shall, to the extent of any unfilled balances, be charged against the levels of restraint established for such goods during that period. Cotton textile products in Category 315, exported during the period which began on January 1, 1982 and extended through December 31, 1982, shall, to the extent of any unfilled balances, be charged against the levels of restraint established for the category during that period. In the event the levels for those foregoing periods have been exhausted by previous entries, such goods shall be subject to the levels set forth in this directive for the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1983 and extended through December 31, 1983, shall, to the extent of any unfilled balances, be charged against the levels of restraint established for the category during that period. In the event the levels for those foregoing periods have been exhausted by previous entries, such goods shall be subject to the levels set forth in this directive for the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1983 and extended through December 31, 1983, shall, to the extent of any unfilled balances, be charged against the levels established for that period. Merchandise in Categories 331, 353, 363, and 347 which is in excess of the levels established for such goods during that ninety-day period shall be charged to the levels established for the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1982 and extended through January 17, 1984.

Textile products in Categories 330 and 447, exported during the ninety-day period which began on December 1, 1982 and extended through February 29, 1983, shall, to the extent of any unfilled balances, be charged against the levels established for that period. Merchandise in Categories 330 and 447 which is in excess of the levels established for such goods during that ninety-day period shall be charged to the levels established for the twelve-month period beginning on March 1, 1983 and extending through February 29, 1984.

In carrying out this directive, imports of cotton, wool, and man-made fiber textile products in Categories 331, 333, 338, 339, 340, 341, 347, 348, 443, 445, and 447, produced or manufactured in China and exported to the United States during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1982 and extended through December 31, 1982, shall, to the extent of any unbalances, be charged against the levels of restraint established for such goods during that period. Cotton textile products in Category 315, exported during the period which began on January 1, 1982 and extended through December 31, 1982, shall, to the extent of any unbalanced, be charged to the level of restraint established for the category during that period. In the event the levels for those foregoing periods have been exhausted by previous entries, such goods shall be subject to the levels set forth in this directive for the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1983 and extended through December 31, 1983, shall, to the extent of any unfilled balances, be charged against the levels established for that period. Merchandise in Categories 330 and 447 which is in excess of the levels established for such goods during that ninety-day period shall be charged to the levels established for the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1982 and extended through January 17, 1984.

Textile products in Categories 330 and 447, exported during the ninety-day period which began on December 1, 1982 and extended through February 29, 1983, shall, to the extent of any unfilled balances, be charged against the levels established for that period. Merchandise in Categories 330 and 447 which is in excess of the levels established for such goods during that ninety-day period shall be charged to the levels established for the twelve-month period beginning on March 1, 1983 and extending through February 29, 1984.

A description of the textile categories in terms of T.S.U.S.A. numbers was published in the Federal Register on December 13, 1982 (47 FR 35709).

In carrying out the above directions, the Commissioner of Customs should construe entry into the United States for consumption to include entry for consumption into the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

The actions taken with respect to the Government of the People's Republic of China and with respect to imports of cotton, wool, and man-made fiber textile products from China have been determined by the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements to involve foreign affairs functions of the United States. Therefore, these directions to the Commissioner of Customs, which are necessary for the implementation of such actions, fall within the foreign affairs exception to the rule-making provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553. This letter will be published in the Federal Register.

Sincerely,

Paul T. O'Day,
Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Intent to Prepare Environmental Impact Statement

The United States Air Force, Department of Defense, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for use in decision-making regarding the selection of land areas and sites for the proposed deployment and operation of the Peacekeeper strategic weapon system which is an advanced land based, intercontinental ballistic missile. This notice of intent is published as required by the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality in Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1501.7 on implementation of the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).