

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Committee  
Working Group on Adjustment Assistance Measures  
Technical Sub-Group

## INFORMATION ON PRODUCTION, TRADE AND ADJUSTMENTS IN THE TEXTILES SECTOR

Replies Received from Delegations to  
Airgrams GATT/AIR/1611 and 1612

### Addendum

Attached are the replies received to the above-mentioned airgrams from  
Israel.

Re: Information on production and adjustments in the textiles and clothing sector

We refer to your Notification GATT/AIR/1612 of 13 March 1980, and submit according to Art.10.2 of the Multifibre Agreement, the following information:

1. Gross investments in 1978 and 1979 in the textile and apparel industries;
2. Production 1978 and 1979 in the textile and apparel industries;
3. Annual average employment in the textile industries.

The data on production appears in total value only. For most of the items no quantitative data is available.

As for the government policy vis-à-vis the textile industry, no official planning exists, and there is no special government policy concerning encouragement of the expansion of this sector. Israel import policy remains liberal as a whole.

Imports of textiles amounted in 1978 to about \$180 million.

ISRAEL

EMPLOYMENT IN THE TEXTILE AND APPAREL INDUSTRIES

1979

Annual average

1. <u>Textile industry</u>	
A. Total number of employees	23,900
B. Production workers (percentage)	86.8%
C. Average hours worked per week per worker	41.3
2. <u>Apparel industry</u>	
A. Total number of employees	33,100
B. Production workers (percentage)	91.6%
C. Average hours worked per week per worker	39.5

GROSS INVESTMENT IN CURRENT PRICES

(millions of IL)

	<u>1973</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1978/9</u> (Real increase)
<u>Textile</u>	560	1,010	6.1
<u>Apparel</u>	230	430	10.0
<u>Total industry (ex. diamonds)</u>	10,955	10,725	5.9

PRODUCTION

(millions of IL)

	<u>1973</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1978/9</u> (in 1973 prices) (Real increase)
<u>Textile</u>	10,370	10,750	3.7
<u>Apparel</u>	11,130	11,300	1.1
<u>Total industry (ex. diamonds)</u>	131,930	194,325	6.8