

**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Report on the Status of Restrictive Measures
as requested by the TSB in accordance with Article 11¹

Note by the Chairman

UNITED STATES

Attached is a report received by the Textiles Surveillance Body from the United States concerning the present status of its restrictions on trade in textiles and clothing. This report has been submitted in accordance with Article 11 of the Arrangement, and in particular paragraphs 11, 12 and 2 thereof.²

¹ See COM.TEX/SB/921, paragraph 23

² The previous report by the United States is contained in COM.TEX/SB/899/Add.21

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

This responds to your letter requesting information, pursuant to Article 11 of the MFA, on restrictions maintained on trade in textiles by the Government of the United States.

As of July 1984, the United States had negotiated or was maintaining bilateral agreements containing restraints on one or more products with 28 countries; had established additional restraints /1 during 1983 and 1984 with 18 of these countries pursuant to the consultation provisions of the agreements or Article 3 of the MFA; and was maintaining unilateral restraints on one or more products with five countries (the Dominican Republic, Panama, Peru, Spain, and Turkey).

All restraints have been or will shortly be notified to the TSB. Attached is a table outlining the status of the various agreements as of July 31, 1984. The more detailed information necessary to update the tables for the TSB's 1984 report is being provided separately.

Sincerely,


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Attachment: as stated

1/ The number of additional restraints during 1983 and 1984 range from 1 or 2 with several countries to more than 30 for Hong Kong, Korea, and Taiwan.

U.S. BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

| <u>COUNTRY</u> | <u>FIBER COVERAGE</u> | <u>TYPE</u> | <u>EXPIRY DATE</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Brazil | C, MMF / <u>1</u> | Article 4 comprehensive / <u>2</u> | 3/31/85 |
| 2. China | C, W, MMF | Comprehensive | 12/31/87 |
| 3. Colombia | C, W, MMF | Article 4 comprehensive | 6/30/86 |
| 4. Costa Rica | MMF | Selective | 12/31/87 |
| 5. Dominican Republic | C, W, MMF | Article 4 selective | 5/31/88 |
| 6. Egypt | C, W, MMF | Article 4 / <u>4</u> selective | 12/31/85 / <u>3</u> |
| 7. Haiti | C, W, MMF | Article 4 comprehensive | 12/31/86 |
| 8. Hong Kong | C, W, MMF | Article 4 comprehensive | 12/31/87 |
| 9. Hungary | Wool | Article 4 selective | 12/31/86 |
| 10. India | C, W, MMF | Article 4 comprehensive | 12/31/87 |
| 11. Indonesia | C, W, MMF | Article 4 selective | 6/30/85 |
| 12. Japan | C, W, MMF | Article 4 / <u>4</u> comprehensive | 12/31/85 |

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| 13. Korea | C, W, MMF | Article 4 comprehensive | 12/31/87 |
| 14. Macau | C, W, MMF | Article 4 comprehensive | 12/31/88 |
| 15. Malaysia | C, W, MMF | Article 4 comprehensive | 12/31/84 |
| 16. Maldives | (See footnote 4) | | |
| 17. Mauritius | C, W, MMF | selective | 9/31/85 |
| 18. Mexico | C, W, MMF | Article 4 comprehensive | 12/31/85 |
| 19. Pakistan | Cotton | Article 4 comprehensive | 12/31/86 |
| 20. Philippines | C, W, MMF | Article 4 comprehensive | 12/31/86 |
| 21. Poland | C, W, MMF | Article 4 comprehensive | 12/31/84 |
| 22. Romania | | | |
| (a) | Cotton | Article 4 comprehensive | 12/31/87 |
| (b) | Wool, MMF | Article 4 comprehensive | 3/31/85 |
| 23. Singapore | C, W, MMF | Article 4 comprehensive | 12/31/85 |
| 24. Sri Lanka | C, W, MMF | Article 4 comprehensive | 5/31/88 |
| 25. Taiwan | C, W, MMF | Comprehensive | 12/31/87 |

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| 26. Thailand | C, W, MMF | Article 4 comprehensive | 12/31/87 |
| 27. Uruguay | W | Article 4 selective | 6/30/86 |
| 28. Yugoslavia | Wool | Article 4 selective | 12/31/85 |

/1 C = Cotton; W = Wool; MMF = Man-made fiber

/2 Article 4, Comprehensive: Several of the bilateral agreements identified here as "Comprehensive" have only a few specific limits, but they do all have some type of consultation mechanism covering product categories of the fibers concerned.

/3 Expiry date of the restraints

/4 The bilateral agreement is actually a consultation agreement, but restraints have been agreed pursuant to it.

/5 A bilateral agreement containing restraints on one merged category has been agreed to in the course of bilateral negotiations but formal notes have not as yet been exchanged.