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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 11

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

UNITED STATES

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a report received from the United States on the status of restrictions maintained by it on imports of textile products.²

¹ See COM.TEX/SB/1265.

² The previous report is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1115/Add.20.

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Dear Ambassador Raffaelli:

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 31, 1987, the United States had negotiated restrictions on textile products with 41 countries, and was maintaining unilateral restraints on one or more categories with Bangladesh and China. All restraints have been, or will shortly be, notified to the TSB.

Enclosed are two tables: Table I outlining the status of the various agreements as of July 31, 1987, and Table II outlining unilateral restraints.

More detailed information will, as necessary to update the TSB's annual report, be provided separately.

Sincerely,


Robert E. Shepherd
Minister Counsellor

Enclosure

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TABLE I
U.S. BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>FIBER COVERAGE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>EXPIRY DATE</u>
1. Bangladesh	C, MMF /FN1	Article 4 selective	1/31/90 /FN3
2. Brazil*	C, W, MMF	Article 4 comprehensive/FN3	3/31/88
3. Bulgaria	W	selective	4/30/89
4. Burma	C, MMF, N	selective/FN4	12/31/90
5. China	(a) C,W,MMF comprehensive (b) MMF luggage	Article 4	12/31/87 12/31/87
6. Colombia	C	Article 4 selective/FN4	2/28/90
7. Costa Rica	(a) MMF (b) C,W,MMF	selective consultation	12/31/87
8. Czech.	(a) W (b) C,W,MMF	Article 4 selective consultation	5/31/88
9. Dominican Republic	C, W, MMF	selective	5/31/88
10. Egypt	(a) Cotton (b) C,W,MMF	Article 4 selective/FN4 consultation	12/31/89
11. El Salvador	Cotton	selective	12/31/89
12. Guatemala	Cotton	selective	12/31/88

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>FIBER COVERAGE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>EXPIRY DATE</u>
13. Germany, East	Cotton	selective	12/31/89
14. Haiti	C, W, MMF	selective/FN3	12/31/89
15. Hong Kong*	C, W, MMF, N	Article 4 comprehensive	12/31/91
16. Hungary	(a) Wool (b) C,W,MMF	Article 4 selective consultation	12/31/87
17. India*	C, W, MMF, N (Apparel)	Article 4 comprehensive	12/31/91
18. Indonesia*	(a) C,W,MMF (b) R	Article 4 comprehensive/FN4 consultation	6/30/92
19. Jamaica	C, W, MMF	Article 4 comprehensive	12/31/89
20. Japan*	C, W, MMF	Article 4 comprehensive	12/31/89
21. Korea*	C, W, MMF, N	Article 4 comprehensive	12/31/89
22. Macau*	C, W, MMF, N	Article 4 comprehensive	12/31/91
23. Malaysia*	C, W, MMF, N	Article 4 comprehensive	12/31/91
24. Maldives	Wool	selective	9/28/88
25. Mauritius	C, W, MMF	selective	9/30/90
26. Mexico	C, W, MMF	Article 4 comprehensive	12/31/87

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>FIBER COVERAGE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>EXPIRY DATE</u>
27. Nepal	C	selective	12/31/90
28. Pakistan*	C, MMF, N (Apparel)	Article 4 selective	12/31/91
29. Panama	W, MMF	selective/FN4	3/31/90
30. Peru	C, W, MMF	Article 4 comprehensive	4/30/89
31. Philippines*	C, W, MMF N (Apparel)	Article 4 comprehensive	12/31/91
32. Poland*	C, W, MMF	Article 4 comprehensive	12/31/89
33. Romania	(a) Cotton	Article 4 comprehensive	12/31/87
	(b) W, MMF	Article 4 comprehensive	12/31/89
34. Singapore*	C, W, MMF	Article 4 comprehensive	12/31/90
35. Sri Lanka	C, W, MMF	Article 4 comprehensive	5/31/88
36. Taiwan*	C, W, MMF, N	comprehensive	12/31/89
37. Thailand	(a) C,W, MMF (b) N	Article 4 comprehensive consultation	12/31/88
38. Trinidad & Tobago	C, W, MMF	selective	12/31/89

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>FIBER COVERAGE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>EXPIRY DATE</u>
39. Turkey	C, MMF	Article 4 selective	6/30/88
40. Uruguay	C, W	Article 4 selective/FN2/FN4	6/30/91
41. Yugoslavia	C,W, MMF	Article 4 selective/FN4	12/31/89

* Indicates Aggregate Limit or a de facto equivalent.

/1/ C=Cotton; W=Wool; MMF=Man-made fiber; R=Ramie; N=New MFA fibers (i.e. vegetable fibers other than cotton and silk blends)

/2/ Some restraints expire on a different date; Date given is the latest date a restraint expires.

/3/ 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.

/4/ Formal exchange of letters not yet completed.

TABLE II

U.S. UNILATERAL RESTRAINTS

COUNTRY	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EXPIRY DATE</u>
Bangladesh	cotton knit shirts (category 338/339)	2/27/88
China	silk & veg. fiber sweaters (category 845/846)	8/28/87
	s & o v f suit type coats (M&B) (category 833)	9/29/87
	s & o v f coats (WGI) (category 835)	12/30/87
	s & o v f skirts (category 842)	12/30/87
	s & o v f trousers (category 847)	12/30/87