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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 11

Additional information received from Hungary

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a communication received from Hungary giving additional information regarding restrictions maintained by it on imports of textile products. This information had been requested by the TSB.

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Dear Mr. Rafaelli,

Referring to my letter of 12 November 1992 on the restrictions applied by Hungary on imports of textiles and clothing products and to the demand of the Textiles Surveillance Body on certain further information on the composition and operation of the global quota on consumer goods, I inform you about the following.

The global quota on consumer goods includes articles, like processed food products, jewellery, footwear, household detergent and textile products. The volume of the quota has been gradually increased. In 1984 the quota stood at USD 100 million, in 1990 USD 200 million, while in 1992 it reached USD 750 million. Out of this amount about one third is assigned to imports of textile products.

The quota is announced semiannually i.e. in two installments. The quota allocation is based on the order of arrival of applications. The maximum share to be applied for by one importer is also set in range of 5-10 %. The reason for such limitation is to allow for co-operation among importers and to avoid the blocking of the quota.

Licences are valid for 120 days. In case product group ceilings are surpassed, there is a possibility to increase such ceiling values at the expense of others, not fully utilized. Applications

submitted during the first five working days of the application period are considered equal from the point of view of order of arrival. Should such applications exceed the quota ceiling, the authorities may provide licences for proportionally reduced amounts to the importers.

The transposition of the product list, specified in Hungarian Trade Nomenclature into HS code is under way. It is the intention of the Hungarian authorities to effect this transposition as from 1 January 1993.

Yours sincerely,



András Szepesi

Permanent Representative
of Hungary to the GATT