

# 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 11<sup>1/</sup>

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.<sup>2/</sup>

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<sup>1/</sup> See COM.TEX/SB/783, paragraph 10

<sup>2/</sup> The previous report by the United States is contained in COM.TEX/SB/733/Add.26. The TSB's observations on restrictions maintained by participating countries in 1981 are contained in its annual report to the Textiles Committee (COM.TEX/SB/742 and Add.1).

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Special Projects			
OPER. DEPT. B.			X
Econ. 1982 Unit			
Agriculture Div.			
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The Honorable  
Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli  
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body  
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Dear Mr. Chairman:


This responds to your letter of July 23, 1982, 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 November 1, 1982, the United States had negotiated restrictions on textile products with 25 countries. Of these bilateral agreements, several have been "initialed," but formal notes have not yet been exchanged. All signed agreements and amendments thereto, have been, or will shortly be, notified to the TSB; the others will be notified as soon as the notes are exchanged.

Attached is a table outlining the status of the various agreements as of November 1, 1982. The more detailed information necessary to update the tables for the TSB's report is being provided separately.

The United States also maintains consultation agreements, containing no restrictions, with the following countries: Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Hungary, Jamaica, Malta, Nicaragua, Peru, Portugal, Spain and Yugoslavia.

Sincerely,

  
Robert E. Shepherd  
Minister-Counselor

Attachments: as stated

November 1, 1982

U.S. Bilateral Textile Agreements

	<u>Country</u>	<u>Fiber Coverage</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Expiry Date</u>
1.	Brazil	C, MMF <sup>/1</sup>	Article 4 comprehensive <sup>/2</sup>	3/31/85
2.	China	C, W, MMF	comprehensive U.S. Domestic Legislation (Sec. 204)	12/31/82
3.	Colombia	(see Footnote 3)		
4.	Costa Rica	MMF	Article 4 selective	12/31/83
5.	Dominican Republic	C, W, MMF	Article 4 comprehensive	5/31/83
6.	Haiti	C, W, MMF	Article 4 comprehensive	2/28/84
7.	Hong Kong	C, W, MMF	Article 4 comprehensive	12/31/87
8.	Hungary	(see Footnote 3)		
9.	India	C, W, MMF	Article 4 bilateral	12/31/82
10.	Indonesia	(see Footnote 3)		
11.	Japan	C, W, MMF	Article 4 <sup>/4</sup> comprehensive	12/31/85
12.	Korea	(see Footnote 3)		
13.	Macau	C, W, MMF	Article 4 comprehensive	12/31/83
14.	Malaysia	C, W, MMF	Article 4 comprehensive	12/31/84
15.	Mauritius	C, W, MMF	selective	9/31/85
16.	Mexico	C, W, MMF	Article 4 comprehensive	12/31/85
17.	Pakistan	Cotton	Article 4 comprehensive	12/31/86

	<u>Country</u>	<u>Fiber Coverage</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Expiry Date</u>
18.	Philippines	C, W, MMF	Article 4 comprehensive	12/31/82
19.	Poland	C, W, MMF	Article 4 comprehensive	12/31/84
20.	Romania			
	(a)	Cotton	Article 4 comprehensive	12/31/82
	(b)	Wool, MMF	Article 4 comprehensive	3/31/85
21.	Singapore	C, W, MMF	Article 4 comprehensive	12/31/85
22.	Sri Lanka	C, W, MMF	Article 4 comprehensive	4/30/83
23.	Tawain	C, W, MMF	Article 4 comprehensive	12/31/87
24.	Thailand	C, W, MMF	Article 4 comprehensive	6/30/83
25.	Yugoslavia	Wool	Article 4 selective	12/31/83

/1 C = Cotton; W = Wool; and 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 New agreements containing restraints on two or more products have been agreed to in the course of bilateral negotiations but formal notes have not as yet been exchanged between the United States and the country concerned.

/4 The bilateral agreement is actually a consultation agreement, but restraints on 11 products have been agreed pursuant to it.