

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

CONFIDENTIAL

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11 May 1984

Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 3:5

Action taken by the United States towards Haiti

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States concerning a unilateral measure taken under the provisions of Article 3:5, in which imports of cotton dressing gowns (Category 350) produced or manufactured in Haiti have been placed under restraint for the period 30 January 1984 to 29 January 1985.

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

With reference to my letter of ~~February 13, 1984~~^{Conference Ch.}, I am instructed by my government to inform the Textiles Surveillance Body that on April 11, 1984 the United States, pursuant to Article 3.5(i) of the Arrangement, established a restraint of 18,754 dozen for the period beginning on January 30, 1984 and ending on January 29, 1985 for imports of cotton dressing gowns (category 350) produced or manufactured in Haiti. Additional information pertaining to this action will be provided to you shortly. In the meantime, I can confirm that the United States Government remains willing to resume consultations with Haiti on this category at any mutually agreeable time.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister-Counsellor

For the information of
the Claimant. 2.9.

U. S. NOTE

-- (COMPLIMENTARY OPENING)

- I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE ARRANGEMENT RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES DONE AT GENEVA DECEMBER 22, 1973, WITH ANNEXES, AND EXTENDED BY PROTOCOLS ADOPTED DECEMBER 14, 1977 AND DECEMBER 22, 1981 (THE ARRANGEMENT).

-- DURING RECENT MONTHS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS NOTED THE RISING LEVEL OF EXPORTS OF COTTON DRESSING GOWNS FROM HAITI TO THE UNITED STATES.

AFTER CAREFUL REVIEW THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS CONCLUDED THAT IMPORTS OF THIS PRODUCT FROM HAITI THREATEN MARKET DISRUPTION IN THE UNITED STATES, AS DESCRIBED IN ANNEX A OF THE ARRANGEMENT. A STATEMENT OF THE REASONS AND JUSTIFICATION FOR THIS CONCLUSION IS ENCLOSED. ACCORDINGLY, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES REQUESTS CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF HAITI ON CATEGORY 352 WITH A VIEW TOWARD SETTING A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY LEVEL OF RESTRAINT ON THE EXPORT OF THIS PRODUCT FROM HAITI TO THE UNITED STATES.

-- IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE THREE OF THE ARRANGEMENT, IF OUR GOVERNMENTS ARE UNABLE TO AGREE ON A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THIS MATTER WITHIN SIXTY DAYS OF THE DATE OF RECEIPT OF THIS NOTE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RESTRAIN IMPORTS OF COTTON DRESSING GOWNS PRODUCED IN HAITI AND EXPORTED

TO THE UNITED STATES DURING THE TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING THE DATE OF RECEIPT OF THIS NOTE TO A LEVEL NOT LESS THAN THE LEVEL OF IMPORTS OF THIS PRODUCT FROM HAITI DURING THE FIRST TWELVE OF THE LAST FOURTEEN MONTHS PRECEDING THE MONTH OF THIS REQUEST, I.E., THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1983, FOR WHICH THE LEVEL IS 18,754 DOZEN.

-- MY GOVERNMENT WOULD APPRECIATE THE VIEWS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HAITI WITH RESPECT TO THE SITUATION PERTAINING TO THE EXPORT OF COTTON DRESSING GOWNS TO THE UNITED STATES.

-- (COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE)

ENCLOSURE:

-- AS STATED.

ANNEX A

MARKET STATEMENT
CATEGORY 350 — COTTON DRESSING
GOWNS

HAITI
JANUARY 1984

U.S. IMPORTS OF CATEGORY 350 FROM HAITI TOTALED 18,513 DOZEN DURING THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 1983, UP 38.4 PERCENT FROM THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER AND 75.7 PERCENT ABOVE THE 1981 IMPORTS. HAITI IS THE FIFTH LARGEST SUPPLIER OF CATEGORY 350. THE FOUR LARGER SUPPLIERS ARE SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC LIMITS, DESIGNATED CONSULTATION LEVELS, OR AGREED LIMITS ON CATEGORY 350.

DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OF CATEGORY 350 DECLINED FROM 616,000 DOZEN IN 1981 TO 518,000 IN 1982. IMPORTS INCREASED FROM 250,000 DOZEN IN 1981 TO 360,000 IN 1982 AND TO 415,000 DURING THE FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS OF 1983. THE 1981 RATIO OF IMPORTS TO PRODUCTION WAS 40.6 PERCENT, AND THE 1982 RATIO WAS 59.5. THE SHARP 1983 IMPORT INCREASE, 27 PERCENT, INDICATES A 1983 RATIO BETWEEN 85 AND 95 PERCENT.

CATEGORY 350 IMPORTS FROM HAITI ARE CONCENTRATED IN TSUSA NO. 383.0820 — WOVEN ORNAMENTED DRESSING GOWNS (43 PERCENT) AND NO. 383.3770 — WOVEN NOT-ORNAMENTED DRESSING GOWNS (45 PERCENT). THESE IMPORTS ARE BEING ENTERED AT DUTY-PAID LANDED VALUES WELL BELOW THE U.S. PRODUCER PRICES FOR COMPARABLE GARMENTS.

CATEGORY 350: U.S. PRODUCTION, IMPORTS AND
IMPORT/PRODUCTION RATIOS
-1,000 DOZENS-

PERIOD	PRODUCTION	IMPORTS	I/P RATIO
1981	516	252	40.6
1982	518	360	59.5

JANUARY-NOVEMBER

--1982	329
--1983	415

CATEGORY 350: DUTY-PAID VALUE AND U.S. PRODUCER PRICE
-U.S. DOLLARS PER DOZEN-

TSUSA NO. AND SOURCE

VALUE/PRICE

--383.0820

-- HAITI

DOLLARS 35.46

-- U.S. PRODUCER PRICE

45.20 - 52.00

--383.3770

-- HAITI

35.29

-- MACAO

39.19

-- U.S. PRODUCER PRICE

45.50 - 52.00

CATEGORY 350: U.S. IMPORTS FROM HAITI AND TOTAL
-1,000 DOZENS-

PERIOD	HAITI	OTHER	TOTAL
1981	10.5	239.3	249.9
1982	13.2	347.2	360.4

YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER

--1982

13.4

335.6

349.2

--1983

18.5

429.5

448.1