

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

DRAFT REPORT OF THE SIXTEENTH MEETING (1984)¹

1. The Textiles Surveillance Body held its sixteenth meeting of 1984 on 24-26 September.
2. Present at this meeting were the following members and/or alternates: Mr. Bondad/Mrs. Sjahruddin, Messrs. Chae/Cartland, Kawaguchi, Keck, MacNeil/Westlund, Marques Porto/Delgado, Puri/Hamza and Shepherd.
3. The report of the fifteenth meeting has been circulated in COM.TEX/SB/987.

Matter referred to the TSB by the Textiles Committee at its meeting held on 4-5 September 1984

4. At its meeting held on 4-5 September 1984, the Textiles Committee noted a common view that the matter of CVD actions should, as requested by exporting developing countries, be examined by the TSB in the light of Article 9 of the MFA and paragraph 23 of the 1981 Protocol, and the result of this examination should be considered by the Textiles Committee on 17 October.
5. The TSB examined this matter, but did not yet reach any conclusion on it.

¹Hundred and seventy-sixth meeting overall

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Notification under Article 2:1

Norway

6. The TSB began its review of the notification made by Norway under Article 2:1 regarding restrictions maintained by it on imports of textiles and textile products. It is to be recalled that Norway became a participant in the MFA from 1 July 1984.

Notification under Article 3:5

United States/Peru

7. As requested by Peru, the TSB reverted to its consideration of the action taken by the United States under Article 3:5 with respect to imports of cotton duck (Category 319) from Peru. The TSB previously deferred its review of this measure at the request of both parties.¹

8. After having heard presentations by the delegations of Peru and the United States, the TSB noted:

(a) the statements by both delegations that Peru declined to enter into consultations within the sixty-day period, so notifying the United States on 8 March 1984;

(b) the statement by Peru that it did not enter into consultations because it had found that the data supplied by the United States were inadequate and therefore not in conformity with the MFA, and did not demonstrate market disruption.

¹COM.TEX/SB/962, 975, 978 and 982

9. The TSB found that:

(a) the United States in requesting consultations had not fully complied with the requirements of Article 3:3 as regards the provision of the reasons and justification for the request, including the latest data concerning elements of market disruption;

(b) additional data were made available to Peru only at the time the restraint was introduced by the United States in April 1984.

10. The TSB was of the opinion that the information provided by the United States to Peru at the time of the request for consultations, and up to the introduction of the restraint, was insufficient to sustain the claim of market disruption, and recommended that:

(a) the United States should not insist that 31 January 1984 be maintained as the effective date of the request for consultations and that it consider 31 March 1984 as the effective date. This would take account of the views of both countries with respect to the way the consultation request had been made and the consultation process had been followed;

(b) the parties hold consultations on the basis of the data now available, taking into account all relevant provisions of the MFA, including paragraph III of Annex A.

Report on matter referred to the TSB under Article 11:4

Pakistan/United States

11. In accordance with its recommendation made at its meeting held on 2-5 July 1984¹, the TSB heard a report from the United States that the United States had initiated consultations with Pakistan, but there were no results yet. The TSB decided to revert to this matter when further information becomes available.

¹COM.TEX/SB/978

Report under Article 11:8

United States/India

12. The TSB reverted to the report received from the United States under Article 11:8 concerning the recommendations made by the TSB on the matter referred to the Body by India under Article 11:4.¹

13. The TSB noted that in accordance with its recommendations, the United States had rescinded the restraints on Categories 445 and 446 (wool sweaters) with effect from 19 September 1984, and that the United States had invited India to renew consultations on Category 334 based on the more recent data.

14. The TSB decided to defer its consideration of the report by the United States until a later meeting.

Notifications under Article 4

EEC/Macao

15. The TSB continued its review of four notifications from the EEC concerning modifications of the EEC/Macao agreement. These modifications concerned new agreed restraints for the agreement period 1983-1986:

(a) regional restraints on imports of men's and boys' woven overcoats (Category 14B) into the United Kingdom, with growth set at 2 per cent, and on babies' garments (Category 71) into Ireland, with growth set at 4 per cent;

(b) Community restraints on outer garments and clothing accessories (Category 83), with growth set at 2.5 per cent;

¹COM.TEX/SB/978

(c) regional restraints on imports of babies' garments (Category 71) and woven industrial and occupational clothing (Category 76) into the United Kingdom with growth at 3.5 and 2.5 per cent respectively, babies' garments (Category 80) and men's and boys' suits (Category 74/75)¹ into France, with growth set at 4 per cent;

(d) a regional restraint on imports of knitted trousers (Category 28) into the United Kingdom, with growth set at 4 per cent.

16. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the notifications to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/989, 990, 991 and 992)

EEC/Romania

17. The TSB received three notifications from the European Community concerning modifications of its bilateral agreement with Romania. Under these modifications new agreed restraints were introduced for the agreement period 1983-1986:

(a) a regional restraint on imports of women's and girls' woven suits (Category 29) into France, with growth set at 4 per cent;

(b) a regional restraint on imports of knitted petticoats and slips (Category 69) into France, with growth set at 4 per cent;

(c) a Community restraint on imports of knitted track suits (Category 73), with growth set at 3 per cent.

18. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the notifications to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/993, 994 and 995)

¹Category 74 was already subject to restraint

EEC/Poland

19. The TSB received a notification from the EEC concerning a modification of its bilateral agreement with Poland. New agreed restraints were introduced on imports of men's and boys' woven jackets and blazers (Category 17) into Ireland for the agreement period 1983 to 1986. Growth rates were set at 16.6, 7 and 13.3 per cent for 1984, 1985 and 1986 respectively.

20. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/996)

EEC/Peru

21. The TSB received a notification from the EEC concerning new agreed restraints under the EEC/Peru agreement, on imports of T-shirts (Category 4) from Peru into France for the period 14 June 1983 to 31 December 1986, and into Italy for the period 1 August 1983 to 31 December 1986. In both cases growth was set at 4 per cent.

22. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/997)

EEC/Pakistan

23. The TSB received a notification from the EEC of a modification of its agreement with Pakistan under which limits for the 1985 and 1986 agreement years were agreed on imports of bed linen (Category 20) into France; growth was set at 6 per cent.

24. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/998)

EEC/Philippines

25. The TSB received a notification from the EEC of a modification to its agreement with the Philippines. Under this modification restraints were agreed for the agreement years 1984 to 1986, on imports of knitted suits for women (Category 74), into the United Kingdom; growth was set at 6 per cent.

26. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/999)

EEC/Czechoslovakia

27. The TSB received a notification from the EEC of a modification to its bilateral agreement with Czechoslovakia. Agreed limits for the agreement period 1983 to 1986 were set on imports of other knitted outer garments (Category 83) into France, with growth at 3 per cent.

28. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/1000)

United States/Japan

29. The TSB received a notification from the United States concerning a modification of its bilateral agreement with Japan. A new restraint was agreed on imports of women's, girls' and infants' wool suits (Category 444) for the calendar years 1983 to 1985; growth was set at 1 per cent.

30. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/1001)

Notifications under Articles 7 and 8

EEC/Yugoslavia

31. The TSB received a notification from the EEC of a new agreement on trade in textile products with Yugoslavia for the period 1 January 1983 to 31 December 1986. The agreement was concluded as an Additional Protocol to the Co-operation Agreement between the parties.

32. The TSB agreed to transmit the notification for the information of participating countries. (COM.TEX/SB/1002)

Sweden/Mauritius

33. The TSB received a notification from Sweden containing Records of Understanding between Sweden and Mauritius, related to agreed restraint levels on certain clothing items for 1982 and 1983. The notification was made bearing in mind the request by the Textiles Committee that measures taken vis-à-vis non-participants should be notified. It was agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee for its information. (COM.TEX/SB/1003)