

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

DRAFT REPORT OF THE TWELFTH MEETING (1985)¹

1. The Textiles Surveillance Body held its twelfth meeting of 1985 on 24-26 September.
2. Present at this meeting were the following members and/or alternates: Messrs. Cartland/Sun, Hamza, Iversen, Kawaguchi, Keck/Boisnon, Rosselli/Paredes, Salim and Shepherd.
3. The report of the eleventh meeting has been circulated in COM.TEX/SB/1104.

Measures taken under Article 3:5

United States/Turkey

4. The TSB reverted to its consideration of the unilateral measure taken under Article 3:5 by the United States on imports of cotton sheeting (Category 313) from Turkey for the period 28 February 1985 to 27 February 1986. The TSB had agreed to defer its consideration of the measure at the request of the parties.²

¹Hundred and ninety-second meeting overall

²COM.TEX/SB/1089

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5. The TSB also reviewed measures taken by the United States under Article 3:5 on imports from Turkey of cotton twill (Category 317 pt) for the period 30 April 1985 to 29 April 1986, cotton coats for women, girls and infants (Category 335) and cotton shirts (Category 340) for the period 30 May 1985 to 29 May 1986, and cotton blouses (Category 339) for the period 27 June 1985 to 26 June 1986.

6. Having heard statements from both parties that a new round of consultations had been scheduled for 17-18 October, the TSB asked them to report on the result of these consultations no later than 5 November 1985.

Report on measures examined by the TSB

Sweden/Turkey

7. The TSB received a report from Sweden on its consultations with Turkey regarding the restraint on Group 8. These consultations were held under Article 3:9 in accordance with the TSB's recommendation made at the 189th meeting in July 1985. During these consultations, held on 4 and 5 September, and in view of the differences in their import and export data, the two parties decided to let the restraint expire. The restraint expired on 21 September 1985 and Sweden had not sought to renew it.

Notifications under Article 4:4

United States/Thailand

8. The TSB received two notifications from the United States of modifications of its bilateral agreement with Thailand valid until 31 December 1987.

9. Under the first modification restraints were established in accordance with the consultation provisions of the agreement on Category 605 pt (mmf sewing thread) for the agreement period beginning 28 March 1984, and on Category 631 (man-made fibre gloves) for the agreement period beginning 1 January 1983. Growth rates for both categories were at 7 per cent.

10. The second modification concerned limits subsequently agreed for Category 605 pt. The base level was 20 per cent higher than the formula level and superseded retroactively the level contained in the first notification. Growth was set at 7 per cent.

11. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the notifications to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/1105 and 1106)

United States/Sri Lanka

12. The TSB received a notification from the United States of a modification of its agreement with Sri Lanka. A new restraint was agreed on Category 336 (cotton skirts) for the period 1 June 1984 to 31 May 1988. Growth was set at 6 per cent.

13. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/1107)

United States/Romania

14. The TSB received a notification of modifications of the cotton, and the wool and man-made fibre agreements between the United States and Romania.

15. In the cotton agreement consultation levels for Categories 360 (pillow cases) and 361 (sheets) were raised for the 1985 agreement year.

16. In the wool and man-made fibre agreement the 1985 specific limit for Category 645/6 (sweaters) was increased by the part of the unused 1984 carry forward for this category previously agreed by the parties. The consultation level for Category 648 (trousers for women, girls and infants) was increased for the 1985 agreement year.

17. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the notifications to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/1108 and 1109)

United States/Singapore

18. The TSB received a notification from the United States of a modification of its agreement with Singapore. Consultation levels for nine categories were raised for the 1985 agreement year.

19. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/1110)

United States/Korea

20. The TSB received a notification from the United States of a further modification of its agreement with Korea. Limits on Category 659-S (swimwear) were agreed, above the previous formula levels, and made effective retroactively from the 1984 agreement year; specific limits on 659-C (coveralls) for the agreement period effective 1984 were confirmed by both parties; limits on Categories 605-0 (other than cordage) and 611 (mmf fabric) were agreed for 1985.

21. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/1111)

EEC/Bangladesh

22. The TSB received a notification from the EEC of a modification of its consultation agreement with Bangladesh. Restraints were agreed between the parties on imports of Category 8 (shirts) into France and the United Kingdom. The 1985 limits were considerably higher than previous trade, and growth was set at 6 per cent.

23. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/1112)

Sweden/Korea

24. The TSB continued its review of the bilateral agreement between Sweden and Korea.

Notifications under Article 11

Haiti, Peru, Sweden, Turkey, United States. Yugoslavia

53. The TSB received notifications from Haiti, Turkey, United States and Yugoslavia in reply to the Chairman's letter requesting information, pursuant to Article 11 of the Arrangement, on restrictions maintained by participating countries on imports of textiles products.¹ These notifications will be transmitted to the Textiles Committee at the time of the submission of the TSB's annual report. The TSB started its discussion of the notification made by Peru and continued its discussion on the notification by Sweden.

¹ See COM.TEX/SB/1067, paragraph 28