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Textiles Surveillance Body

Organe de surveillance des textiles

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Report from Spain

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a report received from the Delegation of Spain on the actions the Spanish authorities are taking to bring their restraints on textile imports in conformity with the Arrangement.

1 For previous reports see COM.TEX/SB/25 and Rev.1, and COM.TEX/SB/162.

ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Rapport de l'Espagne

Note du Président

La délégation de l'Espagne a fait parvenir à l'OST le rapport ci-joint sur les mesures que les autorités espagnoles prennent actuellement afin de rendre conformes aux dispositions de l'Arrangement les restrictions qu'elles appliquent aux importations de textiles.

Pour les rapports précédents, voir les documents COM.TEX/SB/25 et Rev.1, et le document COM.TEX/SB/162.

Letter from the Permanent Delegation of Spain

Original; Spanish

Geneva, 16 February 1978

Mr. Chairman,

In accordance with the provisions of Article 2, paragraph 1 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, done at GATT on 20 December 1973, the Government of my country notified the "existing unilateral quantitative restrictions, bilateral agreements and any other quantitative measures in force which have a restrictive effect" on my country's international trade in the textile products covered by the Arrangement and specified in Article 12 thereof.

The notification by Spain was circulated in document COM.TEX/SB/25 and COM.TEX/SB/25/Rev.1. Thereafter, a further notification updating the information communicated in the above-mentioned documents was circulated as document COM.TEX/SB/162.

On page 6 of this latter document, a list was included of the products still subject to global quotas for import into Spain.

This list included, <u>inter alia</u>, tariff heading 59.01.A "Wadding and articles of wadding". Under a resolution of the Directorate-General of Tariff and Imports Policy of the Ministry for Trade and Tourism of Spain, products falling within this tariff heading may now be freely imported and should therefore be withdrawn from the list reproduced on page 6 of the abovementioned document.

The present notification, which is forwarded to you for the information of the signatories of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, in no way prejudges Spain's position in respect of acceptance or non-acceptance of the Protocol extending the said Arrangement, which is open for signature in accordance with the provisions set forth in document L/4616.

Accept, Mr. Chairman, etc.

Ambassador Permanent Representative

(signed) Fernando Benito Mestre