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Textiles Surveillance Body

Organe de surveillance des textiles

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Report from Mexico

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a periodic report by Mexico in compliance with the TSB's request for details of Mexico's textile industry and the justification for the maintenance of import restrictions.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>For previous reports see documents COM.TEX/SB/27, 30, 115, 195, 196 and 197.

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ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Rapport du Mexique

Note du Président

On trouvera ci-joint un rapport périodique présenté par le Mexique pour répondre à la demande que l'OST lui a faite de communiquer des renseignements sur son industrie textile et sur la justification du maintien de restrictions à l'importation<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup>En ce qui concerne les rapports précédents, voir les documents COM.TEX/SB/27, 30, 115, 195, 196 et 197.

LETTER TO CHAIRMAN, TSB, FROM UNDER-SECRETARY  
FOR EXTERNAL TRADE OF MEXICO

Mexico City, 4 April 1978

In July 1974, the Mexican Government presented to the Textiles Surveillance Body a full report in justification of the measures in force to regulate imports of textile products, and in particular the control mechanism consisting of a prior import licence.

On that occasion, after having examined the Mexican document, the Textiles Surveillance Body arrived at the conclusion that the system established by our country was justified in the terms of the provisions of the GATT and recommended that in the following year and in subsequent years, the Government of Mexico report on the evolution of its textiles industry and on the situation in respect of import controls.

In this connexion, the Mexican Government wishes to state that the current situation in the Mexican textile industry presents the same characteristics as in 1974. The situation can even be said to have deteriorated somewhat by reason of the protectionist measures adopted by other countries which have hampered sound growth of production and subsequently improved competitiveness of the Mexican textile industry.

In view of the foregoing, no fundamental changes have been made in the control measures applied on imports of textile products, and in the view of the Mexican Government their maintenance is still fully justified.

Nevertheless, and within the context of a revision currently being made of Mexico's protection policy, on 31 December 1977 the Government revoked the prior permit requirement in respect of twenty-seven textile products<sup>1</sup>, in addition to those on which this requirement had already been revoked in 1975.

I would request you kindly to convey the foregoing information to the members of the Textiles Surveillance Body and the Textiles Committee, it being understood that the Mexican Government will pursue its efforts to promote sound development of international trade in textiles.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration, etc.

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<sup>1</sup>The list of these products is annexed to this letter.

MEXICO

LIBERALIZED SUB-HEADINGS OF INTEREST TO THE TEXTILE  
INDUSTRY - OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE FEDERATION OF  
29 DECEMBER 1977

- 50.09.A.001 Woven fabrics of silk or of waste silk other than noil, unbleached or bleached
- 50.09.A.003 Woven fabrics of silk or of waste silk other than noil, goffered, including doubled fabrics or fabrics assembled by means of an adhesive
- 50.09.A.004 Woven fabrics of silk or of waste silk other than noil, printed
- 50.10.A.001 Woven fabrics of noil silk
- 51.01.A.006 Yarn of acrylic or modacrylic fibres, not put up for retail sale
- 51.01.A.007 Yarn of polyvinyl alcohol, not put up for retail sale
- 51.02.A.004 Monofil of regenerated fibres
- 51.02.A.006 Monofil of polyvinyl alcohol
- 51.04.A.009 Woven fabrics of polyvinyl alcohol
- 51.04.A.010 Woven fabrics of man-made fibres (continuous), falling within National Note No. 1 of Section XI. (Upholstery fabrics for aircraft interiors)
- 58.01.A.001 Carpets, carpeting and rugs of wool, hand-made
- 58.02.A.001 Other carpets, carpeting, rugs, mats and matting, and "Kelem", "Schumacks" and "Karamanie" rugs and the like (made up or not)
- 58.03.A.001 Tapestries, hand-made, of the type Gobelins, Flanders, Aubusson, Beauvais and the like, and needleworked tapestries (for example, petit point and cross stitch) made in panels and the like by hand
- 58.05.A.001 Narrow woven fabrics and narrow fabrics (bolduc), consisting of warp without weft assembled by means of an adhesive, other than goods falling within heading No. 58.06, of silk
- 58.06.A.001 Woven labels, not embroidered, in the piece, in strips or cut to shape or size

- 58.07.A.002 Braids and ornamental trimmings and the like, of metallized yarn, including those incorporating glass beads, sequins, pearls and precious or semi-precious stones
- 58.07.A.003 Braids and ornamental trimmings and the like, other than the products of sub-heading 58.07.A.002
- 58.09.A.001 Tulle and other net fabrics (but not including woven, knitted or crocheted fabrics), figures; hand or mechanically made lace, in the piece, in strips or in motifs
- 58.10.A.001 Embroidery, in the piece, in strips or in motifs, on silk fabric
- 58.10.A.999 Other embroidery, in the piece, in strips or in motifs
- 59.07.A.002 Prepared painting canvas
- 59.14.A.001 Tubular knitted gas-mantle fabric and incandescent gas mantles
- 59.14.A.002 Cotton wicks mounted on iron loops
- 59.14.A.999 Other wicks, of woven, plaited or knitted textile materials, for lamps, stoves, lighters, candles and the like; tubular knitted gas-mantle fabric and incandescent gas-mantles
- 60.01.A.001 Knitted or crocheted fabric, not elastic nor rubberized, of silk
- 61.02.A.001 Women's, girls' and infants' outer garments, of silk, made wholly or partly with the fabrics of headings Nos. 58.08 to 58.10
- 61.09.A.001 Brassière cups of regenerated fibre fabric