

GENERAL AGREEMENT  
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Textiles Surveillance Body

Organe de surveillance des textiles

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Report on Status of Restrictive Measures as requested  
by the TSB in accordance with Article 11 paragraph 11

Note by the Chairman

Attached hereto is a copy of the reply received from Finland,<sup>1</sup> in response to my letter of 24 April 1978, which invited participating countries to the Arrangement to inform the TSB, by 31 May 1978, of the present status of the restrictions, if any, applied to their trade in textiles.

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<sup>1</sup>For original submission under Article 2 paragraph 4 see COM.TEX/SB/94, 115 and 196.

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ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Rapport sur la situation des restrictions demandé par l'OST  
conformément à l'article 11, paragraphe 11

Note du Président

On trouvera ci-joint copie de la réponse de la Finlande<sup>1</sup> à la lettre du 24 avril 1978 par laquelle j'invitais les pays participant à l'Arrangement à informer l'OST, pour le 31 mai 1978, de la situation actuelle des restrictions qu'ils appliquent, le cas échéant, à leur commerce des textiles.

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<sup>1</sup>Pour les rapports précédents, présentés conformément à l'article 2, paragraphe 4, voir les documents COM.TEX/SB/94, 115 et 196.

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Geneva, May 31, 1978

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Dear Mr. Wurth,

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With reference to your letter No. TS/140 - 1 of April 24, 1978 I have the honour to inform you that Finland maintained no quantitative restrictions on textiles before the inception of the MFA, except for quota arrangements included in bilateral trade agreements with Bulgaria, the People's Republic of China, Czechoslovakia, the Democratic Republic of Germany, Hungary, Poland and Rumania. In the case of Rumania quotas are still maintained under bilateral trade agreements concluded under the provisions of GATT (including its annexes and protocols). The situation vis-à-vis China is unchanged, but the quotas relating to Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary and Poland have been terminated. An import surveillance system based on a licensing agreement with Korea, which pre-dated the MFA, is still in force. The only other changes affecting access to the Finnish market are the agreements with Hong Kong and Macao by which export restraints were placed on certain textile products. These agreements have been notified to the TSB.

Concerning the document COM.TEX/SB/196 following comments can be made:

- Agreements with Hong Kong and Macao have been notified to the TSB on 13 June 1977;
- Import quota for Poland has been abolished with effect from 1.4.1978;
- Present level of restriction for China is 2,860,000 US dollars, reference period being from 1 January to 31 December 1978.

Yours sincerely,

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