

GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND
TRADE

ACCORD GENERAL SUR
LES TARIFS DOUANIERS
ET LE COMMERCE

CONFIDENTIAL

TEX.SB/359

10 January 1979

Textiles Surveillance Body

Organe de surveillance des textiles

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Communication under Article 8:3

Note by the Chairman

The attached communication received from the United States mission concerns a restriction imposed by the United States on certain imports of textiles from South Africa. This notification has been made bearing in mind the request by the Textiles Committee that agreements concluded with, or actions taken against non-participants should be notified.

ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Notification conformément à l'article 8, paragraphe 3

Note du Président

La Mission des Etats-Unis a fait parvenir au secrétariat la notification ci-jointe concernant une restriction appliquée par les Etats-Unis à certaines importations de textiles en provenance d'Afrique du Sud. Cette notification répond à la demande du Comité des textiles que les accords passés avec des non-participants, ou les mesures prises à l'égard de ces pays, lui soient notifiés.



THE REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO THE
EUROPEAN OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS
GENEVA

January 4, 1979

The Honorable
Ambassador Paul Wurth
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
Centre William Rappard
154, rue de Lausanne
CH-1211 Geneva 21

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 3 of Article 3 and of paragraph 3 of Article 8 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I am instructed by my Government to inform the TSB of the imposition of a restriction, effective January 1, 1979, imposed by my Government on imports of category 604 (spun plied acrylic yarn - TSUSA 310.5049) from the Republic of South Africa.

Inasmuch as the Republic of South Africa is a non-participant in the Arrangement and, in view of the fact that the action has been taken by the United States Government pursuant to its obligation under paragraph 3 of Article 8 of the Arrangement, this notification is being made as an information only.

Attached hereto is a copy of the pertinent United States Note.

Sincerely,

Harry M. Phelan, Jr.
Harry M. Phelan, Jr.
Minister Counselor

Attachment: As stated

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ANSWERED	DOC. ISSUED	FOLIO	
	TS/140-3	359	
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FOR	Action	Comment	Inf.
TRADE POLICY			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gen. Div.			
Agri. Div.			
Special Proj.			
TRADE DEVELOPMENT			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sp. Asst. Trade			
Inv. Div.			
Int'l. Aff.			
CHIEF		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
OFFICE OF LEGAL			
Consultant (ADP)			
Consul			
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12/21/78
Geneva

December 21, 1978

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles done under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade at Geneva on December 20, 1973, and extended by protocol done at Geneva on December 14, 1977, hereafter referred to as the "Arrangement", and specifically to the market disruption and equity provisions of Article 3 of the Arrangement.

The Government of the United States of America has noted with concern the sharply rising imports from the Republic of South Africa of man-made fiber yarn (textile category 604), particularly spun plied acrylic yarn, classified in TSUSA 310.5049. Total exports of this product to the United States from all suppliers are causing market disruption as defined in Annex A of the Arrangement. Exports to the United States from the Republic of South Africa are contributing to this market disruption. The effects of such imports on the United States market, the recent trends of such imports from the Republic of South Africa and a table of import and domestic price data are appended as Annexes, which are to be regarded as integral parts of this note.

In order to avoid further market disruption and to ensure equitable treatment to those countries party to the

His Excellency

Donald B. Sole,

Ambassador of South Africa.

Arrangement which are presently limiting their exports of this product to the United States of America, the Government of the United States of America is, as of the date of this note, taking action consistent with Article 3 of the Arrangement.

The Government of the United States of America is of the view that further sharp increases in imports of this product from the Republic of South Africa would cause serious market disruption giving rise to damage difficult to repair. Therefore, the Government of the United States of America will establish import restraint measures limiting entry of this product to a level not to exceed 1,866,000 pounds for exports from the Republic of South Africa to the United States of America during the twelve month period beginning January 1, 1979.

The Government of the United States of America is prepared to consider the views of the Government of the Republic of South Africa concerning this action.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Acting Secretary of State:

/S/ William Barraclough *B*

True copy of signed original. *B*

Enclosures:

Three Annexes.

U.S. PRODUCTION OF SPUN ACRYLIC YARNS
(1,000 lbs.)

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>
1970	192,491
1971	233,635
1972	247,358
1973	292,238
1974	247,932
1975	225,670
1976	256,752
1977	274,937

Source: Bureau of the Census and Office
of Textiles

COMPARABLE IMPORTS AND DOMESTIC PRICE DATA^{1/}
(U.S. Dollars Per Pound)

Category 604 Yarn wholly of non-continuous filament, other

310.5049 Plied, acrylic

Rep. South Africa	\$1.39
Brazil	1.83
EEC	1.38
U.K.	1.80
Italy	1.20
Romania	1.50
Japan	1.40
Singapore	1.25
Phil. Rep.	1.25
U.S.	1.80

^{1/} Imports are average duty paid CIF value.

Market Analysis Division
Office of Textiles
November 16, 1978

GENERAL IMPORTS

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

604
LBS.

TSUSA-310.5049 (only) 1/

<u>Period</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	
	<u>Country</u>	<u>World</u>
Calendar Year 1976	-	-
Calendar Year 1977	-	-
March Thru Current Month 1977	-	-
March Thru Current Month 1978	1,243,825	17,240,466 <u>1/</u>

<u>Imports Per Month 1978</u>			<u>Imports YR 1978</u>	
<u>Month</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>World</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>World</u>
January	- <u>1/</u>	- <u>1/</u>	- <u>1/</u>	- <u>1/</u>
February	- <u>1/</u>	- <u>1/</u>	- <u>1/</u>	- <u>1/</u>
March	71,334	2,622,627	71,334	2,622,627
April	174,339	3,790,483	245,673	6,413,110
May	105,771	2,542,932	351,444	8,956,042
June	308,206	2,060,071	659,650	11,016,113
July	292,149	2,668,620	951,799	13,684,733
August	206,953	1,287,777	1,158,752	14,972,510
September	51,781	1,190,021	1,210,533	16,162,531
October	33,292	1,077,935	1,243,825	17,240,466
November				
December				

Prepared by:

Trade Analysis Division
December 1978

1/ 310.5049 is a new TSUSA number established as of 3/1/78