

GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND
TRADE

ACCORD GENERAL SUR
LES TARIFS DOUANIERS
ET LE COMMERCE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

Organe de surveillance des textiles

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Articles 7 and 8

Note by the Chairman

The attached notification received from the United States mission concerns a series of restrictions imposed by the United States on imports of certain textile goods emanating from the Peoples' Republic of China, a non-participating country. 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 aux articles 7 et 8

Note du Président

La Mission des Etats-Unis a fait parvenir au secrétariat la notification ci-jointe relative à une série de restrictions établies par les Etats-Unis à l'importation de certains produits textiles en provenance de la République populaire de Chine, pays non participant. Cette notification a été faite conformément à la demande du Comité des textiles selon laquelle les accords passés avec des non-participants, ou les mesures prises à l'égard de ces pays, doivent lui être notifiés.



UNITED STATES MISSION TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

August 3, 1979

The Honorable
Ambassador Paul Wurth
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
G.A.T.T. •
154, rue de Lausanne
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to the provisions of Articles 7 and 8, the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I am instructed by my Government to inform the Textiles Surveillance Body of restrictions imposed by my Government on imports of several categories of textile goods from the Peoples Republic of China.

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

Attached hereto is a copy of the operative paragraphs of the U. S. Federal Register Notice of June 6, 1979, as amended on June 13, 1979, outlining the categories and terms of this action.

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Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Robert E. Shepherd

Attachment:
As stated

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Text of Federal Register Notice on Unilateral Textile
Restraints Published Wednesday, June 6, 1979, in
44 FR 32433

"Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements
Import Restraint Levels for Certain Cotton and Man-made
Fiber Apparel from the Peoples Republic of China.

"June 5, 1979.

"On January 4, 1979, there was published in the Federal
Register (44 FR 1211) a notice dated January 3, 1979,
announcing forthcoming discussions concerning cotton,
wool and man-made fiber textile products exported to
the United States from the Peoples Republic of China
and soliciting public comment thereon.

"A series of discussions have taken place between the
two Governments in 1979 concerning the appropriate
levels of exports of certain of these products to the
United States. No agreement has yet been reached on
these levels.

"The Government of the United States has informed the
Government of the Peoples Republic of China that for
the twelve-month period beginning on May 31, 1979 and
extending through May 30, 1980, imports of apparel in
categories 331 (cotton gloves), 339 (women's, girls'
and infants', cotton knit blouses), 340 (men's and boys'
woven cotton shirts), 347/348 (men's and boys', women's,
girls' and infants' cotton trousers), and 645/646 (men's
and boys', women's, girls' and infants' man-made fiber
sweaters) that have been exported on and after May 31,
1979 will be limited to the following levels:

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Twelve-month Level of Restraint</u> |
|-----------------|--|
| 331 | 2,946,006 dozen pairs |
| 339 | 535,659 dozen |
| 340 | 354,613 dozen |
| 347/348 | 1,088,632 dozen |
| 645/646 | 334,834 dozen |

"This action is taken pursuant to Section 204 of the
Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended.

"Further discussions with the Government of the Peoples
Republic of China are anticipated. (This action)....
is subject, therefore, to termination or revision as a
result of those discussions...."