

GENERAL AGREEMENT  
ON TARIFFS AND  
TRADE

ACCORD GENERAL SUR  
LES TARIFS DOUANIERS  
ET LE COMMERCE

CONFIDENTIAL  
TEX.SB/456  
17 October 1979

Textiles Surveillance Body

Organe de surveillance des textiles

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment to the Bilateral Agreement between  
the EEC and Argentina

Note by the Chairman

The attached notification received from the Commission of the European Communities concerns an amendment to the initialled agreement with Argentina, negotiated under Article 4 of the Arrangement.<sup>1</sup> The amendment relates to new limits on exports from Argentina with respect to category 40 to the regional markets of the Community.

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<sup>1</sup>For details of the existing agreement transmitted under Articles 7 and 8, see COM.TEX/SB/433.

ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Notification conformément à l'article 4, paragraphe 4

Modification de l'accord bilatéral entre la CEE  
et l'Argentine

Note du Président

La Commission des Communautés européennes a fait parvenir au secrétariat la notification ci-jointe relative à une modification de l'accord<sup>1</sup> paraphé qui a été négocié avec l'Argentine au titre de l'article 4 de l'Arrangement. Cette modification porte fixation de nouvelles limites aux exportations argentines de produits de la catégorie 40 à destination des marchés régionaux de la Communauté.

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<sup>1</sup>Pour le détail de l'accord existant communiqué conformément aux articles 7 et 8, voir le document COM.TEX/SB/433.

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Brussels, 8 October 1979

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Dear Ambassador,

In connection with the European Economic Community's Agreement on trade in textile products with Argentina negotiated under Article 4 of the Arrangement and initialled on 24 December 1977, I have to inform you of the following :

During the course of 1978 imports of wool tops (category 46) from Argentina into the Community exceeded 1,280 tons, being the level at which the Community can ask for a restraint measure under the provisions of Article 6 of the Agreement. The two sides held consultations between November 1978 and May 1979 in pursuance of Article 12 of the Agreement. As a result of these consultations, and in conformity with the provisions of the Agreement, Argentina agreed to limit imports to the Community as follows :

Category	Unit	Member State	1979	1980	1981	1982
46	Tonnes	EEC	7,254	7,834	8,461	9,138
"	"	Germany	859	1,086	1,340	1,626
"	"	France	1,250	1,384	1,458	1,616
"	"	Italy	4,200	4,220	4,240	4,260
"	"	Benelux	640	715	806	872
"	"	United Kingdom	280	384	547	672
"	"	Ireland	5	10	16	24
"	"	Denmark	20	35	54	68

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These new limits contained in the agreed minute annexed to this letter, are herewith communicated for information under Articles 7 and 8 of the Arrangement.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J.R. Beck". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

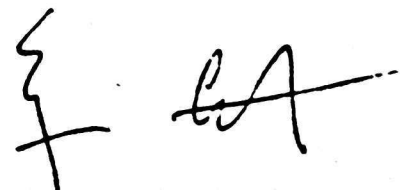
J.R. BECK

AGREED      MINUTE

Following requests from the European Economic Community made in Notes Verbales dated 28.7.78 and 6.10.78, consultations were held during the period November 1978 to May 1979 between Argentina and the Community to discuss trade in combed and carded wool (Category 46 ('wool tops')).

1. During consultation Community delegations drew attention to the increase of total imports of wool tops originating in Argentina from 3.453 tons in 1976 to 6.258 tons in 1978. In the view of the Community, such increase had contributed to uncertainty, damage and the threat of further damage for Community producers. The level of imports was now far in excess of the limits specified in Article 6 of the Bilateral Agreement initialled in December 1977.
2. Argentine delegations had emphasised that in their view exports from Argentina had not produced the results alleged, that the growth in trade was compatible with assurances given to Argentina during negotiations of the Bilateral Agreement, and that no major expansion of exports was envisaged.
3. Nevertheless, in a spirit of cooperation to ensure security for both importers and exporters in the coming years, Argentina agreed to limit exports of combed and carded wool (Category 46) to the Community as follows :-

	<u>EEC</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>BNL</u>	<u>UK</u>	<u>IRL</u>	<u>DK</u>
1979	7254	859	1250	4200	640	280	5	20
1980	7834	1086	1384	4220	715	384	10	35
1981	8461	1340	1458	4240	806	547	16	54
1982	9138	1626	1616	4260	872	672	24	68



Such exports would be subject with effect from July 1 1979 to the double-checking procedures specified in the Bilateral Agreement and to such other of its provisions as were relevant to the application of the new quota.

4. The two sides noted that in particular Article 4 of the Bilateral Agreement would apply in full effect to trade in wool tops and thus (inter alia) imports of the product declared to be for re-export outside the Community in the same state or after processing would not be subject to the above limits.



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Brussels, 29 May 1979