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Textiles Surveillance Body

Organe de surveillance des textiles

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Report on the Status of Restrictive Measures as  
Requested by the TSB<sup>1</sup> in Accordance  
with Article 11

Note by the Chairman

The TSB has received from India a report on the present status of restrictions maintained by India. This report, which is attached hereto, has been submitted in accordance with Article 11 of the Arrangement<sup>2</sup>, and in particular paragraphs 11 and 12 as well as paragraph 2 thereof.

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<sup>1</sup>See COM.TEX/SB/564, paragraph 7.

<sup>2</sup>For previous submission see COM.TEX/SB/561.

ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Rapport sur la situation des restrictions demandé par  
l'OST<sup>1</sup> conformément à l'article 11

Note du Président

L'OST a reçu de l'Inde un rapport sur la situation actuelle des restrictions qu'applique ce pays. Ce rapport, qui est joint au présent document, a été présenté conformément à l'article 11 de l'Arrangement<sup>2</sup>, et en particulier aux paragraphes 11, 12 et 2 dudit article.

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<sup>1</sup>Voir le document COM.TEX/SB/564, paragraphe 7.

<sup>2</sup>Pour le rapport précédent, voir le document COM.TEX/SB/561.



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 Hussain,  
 First Secretary  
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No. GEN/PMI/GATT/263-780

Dear Mr. Wurth,

| For                 | Action | Comment | Inf.                                |
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| Text. Dept. Div.    |        |         |                                     |
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Kindly refer to your letter of April 18, 1980, in connection with preparations for the major review to be conducted by the Textiles Committee in October 1980 and fulfilment of obligations under Article 11 of the Arrangement. In this connection, I might also refer to our letter of even number—351 dated March 11, 1980, in which we had informed you that India's import restrictions on textiles along with restrictions on other imports are maintained for balance of payments reasons and that these restrictions have been examined and approved by the Committee on Balance of Payment of the GATT. We had also informed you that the measures are described in the Import Policy of India for the period 1979-1980, published by the Government of India.

2. In view of your recent letter and with the objective of facilitating the work of the Textiles Surveillance Body in collecting the necessary information, we enclose the information set out in terms of the tabular form contained in your letter. You will notice that the three columns (Levels of Imports affected/effective date of entry/Expiry date) have been left out as these are not applicable in our case.

Yours sincerely,  
*Arif Hussain*  
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Mr. P. Wurth,  
 Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body,  
 GATT, Geneva.

INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE TEXTILE SURVEILLANCE BODY  
IN TERMS OF ARTICLE 11 OF THE M. F. A.

| GATT, MFA or other provisions               | CCN No. or other categorisation | Product Description   | Type of measure applied  | Country affected   |
|---|---------------------------------|---|--|--|
| ARTICLE XVIII<br>SECTION B<br>OF GATT<br>FC | 51.01                           | Yarn of synthetic (man-made) fibres (continuous)  | Imports of -   | ALL SOURCES  |
|   | 51.02                           | Mono fil, strip (artificial straw and the like) and imitation catgut, of man-made fibre materials | (a) all synthetic non-cellulose fibres excluding polyester fibre/tow, polyinosic fibre, nylon fibres and polypropylene fibre;  |  |
|   | 51.03                           | Yarn of man-made fibres (continuous) put up for retail sale                                       | (b) Nylon yarn and thread (excluding base flat nylon filament yarn and industrial nylon yarn of 210 denier and above; and  |  |
|   | 56.01                           | Man-made fibres (discontinuous) not carded, combed or otherwise prepared for spinning             | (c) Polyester filament yarn excluding base flat first quality  |  |
|   | 56.02                           | Continuous filament tow for manufacture of man-made fibres (discontinuous)                        | are made directly by the public sector agency - State Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Corporation of India under the Open General Licence under the liberalised import policy since 1976-77. The policy for canalisation through public sector agencies has been evolved with a view to effecting economical imports for the Actual Users, securing most favourable terms of payment and improving the terms of trade. Purchases by the public sector agencies are guided by normal commercial considerations and are entirely non-discriminatory in nature. State Trade and Government monopoly are not used as measures to restrict imports. |  |
|   | 56.03 )<br>56.04 )              | Waste of Man-made fibres (continuous & discontinuous)   |  |  |
|   | 56.05 )<br>56.06 )              | Yarns of Man-made fibres (discontinuous)  |  |  |
|   |                                 |   |  | Imports of Polypropylene/Polyethylene filament yarn (all types) are restricted. Licences issued on the basis of annual requirements as determined by past consumption of the industry. Supplementary licences can also be claimed by the actual users to meet their residual requirements, if any. |

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| ARTICLE XVIII<br>SECTION B<br>OF GATT | 51.04                            | Woven fabrics of man-made fibres (continuous) including woven fabrics of heading No. 51.01 or 02      | Restricted *  | All sources      |
|                                       | 53.01                            | Sheep's or lambs' wool - raw wool   | Import allowed under Open General Licence to Actual Users | - do -           |
|                                       | 53.03                            | Waste of sheep's or lambs' wool   | Restricted *  | - do -           |
|                                       | 53.05                            | Sheep's or lambs' wool, carded or combed  | Restricted *  | - do -           |
|                                       | 53.06/53.10                      | Woollen yarn  | Restricted *  | - do -           |
|                                       | 53.07                            | Worsted Yarn  | Restricted *  | - do -           |
|                                       | 53.11                            | Woven fabrics of wool   | Restricted *  | - do -           |
|                                       | 55.05 }<br>55.06 }               | Cotton Yarn   | Restricted *  | - do -           |
|                                       | 55.07                            | Cotton gauze  | Restricted *  | - do -           |
|                                       | 55.08                            | Terry towelling and similar terry fabrics of cotton   | Restricted *  | - do -           |
|                                       | 55.09                            | Other woven fabrics of cotton   | Restricted *  | - do -           |
|                                       | 56.07                            | Woven fabrics of man-made fibres (discontinuous)  | Restricted *  | - do -           |
|                                       | 58.01 to<br>58.10                | Carpets, tapestries, narrow fabrics etc.  | Prohibited  | - do -           |
|                                       | 60.01 to<br>60.08                | Knitted and crocheted goods   | Prohibited  | - do -           |
|                                       | 61.01 to<br>61.11                | Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of textile fabric, other than knitted or crocheted goods | Prohibited  | - do -           |
|                                       | 62.01 to<br>62.05                | Other made up textile articles like rugs, bed linen Curtains, furnishing articles etc.                | Prohibited  | - do -           |

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- \* 1. An actual user (industrial) holding an automatic licence can, however, import within the value of the licence, restricted items as are needed for the manufacturing process upto a value of Rs. 50,000/- for each item provided the total of all items imported does not exceed 10% of the value of the licence. Supplementary licences may also be obtained in case of need.
  
- \* 2. Registered Exporters are permitted to obtain Import Replenishment (REP) licences which are valid for importation from any source of restricted items necessary for the production of the particular export products.
  
- 3. India's import restrictions on textiles, along with restrictions on other imports are maintained for balance of payments reasons and these restrictions have been examined and approved by the Committee on Balance of Payments of the GATT. Details of various measures are described in the Import Policy of India published annually by the Department of Commerce, Government of India.