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TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

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

MEXICO

Attached is a report received by the TSB on the present status of restrictions on trade in textiles maintained by Mexico. This report was submitted in reply to the TSB's request for information in pursuance of Article 11 of the Arrangement, and in particular paragraphs 11, 12 and 2 thereof.

LETTER TO CHAIRMAN, TSB FROM MEXICAN DIRECTORATE-GENERAL  
FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

Mexico City, 17 June 1980

Sir,

In July 1974 the Mexican Government presented to the Textiles Surveillance Body, of which you are Chairman, a full report designed to describe and explain the measures in force to regulate imports of textile products and, in particular, the control mechanism consisting of prior import licensing.

On that occasion, and after having examined the arguments presented by the Government of the United Mexican States, the TSB came to the conclusion that the system in force in Mexico was justified and was consistent with the provisions of Article 2 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, and recommended that in subsequent years, the Mexican Government report on the evolution of its textile industry and on the situation in respect of import controls.

With reference to the report for this year, I should like to state once again, as on the last occasion, that the situation is continuing to deteriorate because of the protectionist measures adopted by other countries which have inhibited sound growth of production and exports to world markets and consequently has also hampered any improvement in the competitive capacity of the Mexican textile industry.

By reason of the foregoing, the control measures in respect of textile imports have not been changed in essence, and in the opinion of the Mexican Government their maintenance is still fully justified.

Nevertheless, and because of the fact that the Mexican Government is currently reviewing the country's protectionist policy, out of 158 textile articles included in the General Import Tariff, corresponding to those covered by Article 12 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, the prior permit requirement was eliminated on twenty-three articles before May 1978 (Annex I), that requirement was eliminated on twelve articles between May and December 1978 and on eighteen in the course of 1979 (Annex II); the 105 remaining articles are still subject to the permit requirement (Annex III). In the view of the Mexican Government this situation reflects an effort of significant importance in the direction of greater liberalization of international trade in textiles.

I would require you to kindly convey the foregoing information to the members of the Textiles Surveillance Body and the Textiles Committee, with the assurance that the Mexican Government will pursue its efforts to contribute to sound and equitable development of international trade in textiles.

Accept, Sir, etc.,

(signed) Abel Garrido Ruiz

ANNEX I

Textile Products Already Liberalized

- 51.01.A.006 Yarn of acrylic or modacrylic fibres
- 51.01.A.007 Yarn of polyvinyl alcohol
- 51.04.A.009 Woven fabrics of polyvinyl alcohol textile fibres
- 51.04.A.010 Items covered by national note 1 to Section IX
- 51.05.A.002 In combed slivers (TOPS) other than hair falling within sub-headings 53.05.A.001 and 003
- 58.01.A.001 Carpets, carpeting and rugs of wool, hand-made
- 58.02.A.001 Other carpets, carpeting, rugs, mats and matting and "Kelem", "Schumacks" and "Karamanie" rugs and the like, made up or not
- 58.03.A.001 Tapestries, hand-made, made up or not
- 58.06.A.001 Woven labels
- 58.07.A.003 Braids and ornamental trimmings and the like, other than the products of sub-heading 58.07.A.002
- 58.09.A.001 Tulle and other net fabrics (but not including woven, knitted or crocheted fabrics), figured; hand or mechanically made lace, in the piece, in strips or in motifs
- 58.10.A.999 Other embroidery, in the piece, in strips, or in motifs
- 59.01.A.002 Neps, of silk, acetate, viscose rayon or flax
- 59.06.A.001 Slings
- 59.07.A.001 Tracing cloth
- 59.07.A.002 Prepared painting canvas
- 59.14.A.001 Tubular knitted gas-mantle fabric and incandescent gas mantles
- 59.14.A.002 Cotton wicks mounted on iron loops
- 59.14.A.999 Other wicks, of woven, plaited or knitted textile materials
- 61.08.A.001 Collars, tuckers, fallals, bodice-fronts, jabots, cuffs, flounces, yokes and similar accessories and trimmings for women's and girls' garments
- 61.09.A.001 Brassière cups of regenerated fibre fabric
- 62.04.A.002 Sails of man-made textile fibres
- 62.04.A.003 Pneumatic storage facilities, and pneumatic tents

ANNEX II

Textile Products Liberalized from June  
to December 1978

51.01.A.001	Of regenerated fibres
51.01.A.002	Of polyamide or superpolyamide fibres of not more than 30 denier
51.01.A.003	Yarn of polyester fibres, other than falling within sub-heading 51.01.A.011
51.01.A.004	Of polyurethane fibres
51.01.A.005	Of polyolefin fibres
51.01.A.999	Of polyamide or superpolyamide fibres of more than 30 denier but not more than 60 denier, other than falling within sub-heading 51.01.A.012
58.01.A.999	Other carpets, carpeting and rugs, knotted, made up or not
59.02.A.001	Felt, coated with asphalt, pitch or tar and/or added synthetic rubber
59.04.A.001	Cotton rovings
59.04.A.002	Of polyethylene terephthalate treated with latex, cabled but not plaited
59.16.A.002	Of vegetable fibres, endless or cut to length
59.17.A.002	Bolting cloths

Textile Products Liberalized during 1979

59.02.A.003	Felt in cylindrical or rectangular form
59.05.A.999	Other nets and netting made of twine, cordage or rope, and made up fishing nets of yarn, twine, cordage or rope
59.07.A.999	Other textile fabrics coated with gum or amylaceous substances, of a kind used for the outer covers of books and the like; tracing cloth; prepared printing canvas; buckram and similar fabrics for hat foundation and similar uses

- 59.08.A.001 Adhesive ribbons
- 59.08.A.999 Other textile fabrics impregnated or coated with preparations of cellulose derivatives or of other artificial plastic materials, and textile fabrics stratified with the same materials
- 59.09.A.001 Narrow woven fabrics impregnated with oxidized oils
- 59.09.A.002 Textile fabrics impregnated with preparations with a basis of oxidized oils for use as electric insulating material
- 59.09.A.999 Other textile fabrics coated or impregnated with oil or preparations with a basis of drying oil
- 59.11.A.99 Other rubberized textile fabrics other than rubberized knitted or crocheted goods
- 59.12.A.001 Textile fabrics coated with non-inflammable substances
- 59.12.A.999 Other textile fabrics otherwise impregnated or coated; painted canvas being theatrical scenery, studio back-cloths or the like
- 59.17.A.009 Tubular or endless fabrics of artificial plastic material, recognized as being used exclusively in paper-making machinery
- 60.02.A.001 Gloves, mittens and mitts, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized
- 60.06.A.002 Elastic knee-caps, ankle-guards and other similar protective articles
- 61.06.A.001 Shawls, scarves, mufflers, mantillas, veils and the like
- 61.10.A.001 Gloves, mittens, mitts, stockings, socks and sockettes, not being knitted or crocheted goods
- 62.05.A.001 Belts for professional uses
- 63.02.A.002 Waste and scrap of man-made textile fabrics

ANNEX IIIMEXICO: Headings in the General Import Tariff  
for which a Prior Permit is Required

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Until 30 June 1980

- 59.03.A.001 Bonded fibres fabrics, similar bonded yarn fabrics, and articles of such fabrics, whether or not impregnated or coated.
- 59.06.A.999 Other articles made from yarn, twine, cordage, rope or cables, other than textile fabrics and articles made from such fabrics.
- 59.10.A.001 Linoleum.
- 59.10.A.999 Other linoleum and materials prepared on a textile base in a similar manner to linoleum, whether or not cut to shape or of a kind used as floor coverings; floor coverings consisting of a coating applied on a textile base, cut to shape or not.
- 59.15.A.999 Other textile hose-piping and similar tubing.
- 59.16.A.999 Other transmission, conveyor or elevator belts or belting, of textile material, whether or not strengthened with metal or other material.
- 59.17.A.001 Fabrics, felt and woven textile felts, combined with one or several layers of rubber, leather or other material, of a kind commonly used for the manufacture of card clothing.
- 59.17.A.003 Flat-woven textile felts, whether or not impregnated or coated, of a kind commonly used in paper-making or other machinery, with single or multiple warp and/or weft, other than those of sub-heading 59.17.A.001
- 59.17.A.004 Tubular-woven or endless textile felts, impregnated, coated or covered, of a kind commonly used in paper-making or other machinery, with single or multiple warp and/or weft.
- 59.17.A.005 Tubular-woven or endless textile felts, of a kind commonly used in paper-making or other machinery, with warp and/or weft, other than those falling within sub-headings 59.17.A.004 and 009.

- 59.17.A.006      Fabrics reinforced with metal, of a kind commonly used in machinery or plant.
- 59.17.A.007      Joints, washers, gaskets, diaphragms, discs, sleeves and the like for use in machinery or plant.
- 59.17.A.008      Textile articles for use in machinery or plant and other parts of machinery and apparatus, other than articles of sub-heading 59.17.A.007.
- 59.17.A.999      Other textile fabrics and textile articles, of a kind commonly used in machinery or plant.
- 60.04.A.001      Undergarments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized.



Until 31 December 1980

- 51.03.A.001 Yarn of textile fibres (continuous), put up for retail sale: of regenerated fibres.
- 51.03.A.002 Of polyamide or superpolyamide.
- 51.03.A.003 Of polyester.
- 51.03.A.004 Of polyurethane.
- 51.03.A.005 Of polyolefin.
- 51.03.A.006 Acrylic or modacrylic.
- 51.03.A.999 Other yarn of textile fibres.
- 51.04.A.001 Woven fabrics of textile fibres (continuous), including woven fabrics of monofil or strip: of synthetic fibres, unbleached or bleached.
- 51.04.A.002 Of synthetic fibres, dyed or woven from dyed yarns.
- 51.04.A.003 Of synthetic fibres, gofferred or having undergone any process subsequent to dyeing.
- 51.04.A.004 Of regenerated fibres, unbleached or bleached.
- 51.04.A.005 Of regenerated fibres, dyed or woven from dyed yarns.
- 51.04.A.006 Of regenerated fibres, gofferred or having undergone any process subsequent to dyeing.
- 51.04.A.007 Of synthetic fibres, printed.
- 51.04.A.008 Of regenerated fibres, printed.
- 51.04.A.011 Of polyethylene or polypropylene strip.
- 51.04.A.999 Other woven fabrics of man-made textile fibres (continuous).
- 53.01.A.001 Sheep's or lambs' wool, not carded or combed: wool with a fibre yield or 75 per cent or less.
- 53.01.A.002 Wool with a fibre yield exceeding 75 per cent.
- 53.06.A.001 Yarn of carded sheep's or lambs' wool (woollen yarn), not put up for retail sale.

- 53.07.A.001 Yarn of combed sheep's or lambs' wool (worsted yarn), not put up for retail sale.
- 53.10.A.001 Yarn of sheep's or lambs' wool, of horsehair or of other animal hair (fine or coarse), put for retail sale.
- 53.11.A.001 Woven fabrics of sheep's or lambs' wool or of fine animal hair.
- 55.05.A.001 Cotton yarn, not put up for retail sale.
- 55.06.A.001 Cotton yarn, put up for retail sale.
- 55.07.A.001 Cotton gauze.
- 55.08.A.001 Terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, of cotton.
- 55.09.A.001 Other woven fabrics of cotton, plain or dyed.
- 55.09.A.002 Mixed with wool or common goat hair, when containing man-made fibres.
- 55.09.A.999 Other woven fabrics of cotton.
- 58.04.A.001 Woven pile fabrics and chenille fabrics (other than terry towelling or similar terry fabrics of cotton falling within heading No. 55.08 and fabrics falling within heading No. 58.05).
- 58.05.A.002 Narrow woven fabrics, and narrow fabrics (bolduc) consisting of warp without weft assembled by means of an adhesive: with warp and weft of cotton.
- 58.05.A.003 Of man-made fibres.
- 58.05.A.999 Other narrow woven fabrics, and narrow fabrics (bolduc) consisting of warp without weft assembled by means of an adhesive, other than goods falling within heading No. 58.06.
- 58.06.A.999 Other woven labels, badges and the like.
- 58.07.A.001 Polyurethane yarn gimped with polyamide or polyester textile fibre yarn.
- 58.07.A.999 Other chenille yarn and gimped yarn (other than products of heading No. 52.01).

- 58.08.A.001 Tulle and other net fabrics (but not including woven, knitted or crocheted fabrics), plain
- 59.01.A.001 Wadding
- 59.01.A.999 Other wadding and articles of wadding
- 59.02.A.002 Felt of wool or of regenerated fibres, or of mixtures thereof, neither impregnated nor coated
- 59.02.A.004 Felt of wool, animal hair or horsehair, whether or not with a core of jute, other than those falling within sub-heading 59.02.A.002
- 59.02.A.999 Other felt and articles of felt
- 59.04.A.003 Twine, cordage, ropes and cables, plaited or not, of polyethylene or of polypropylene
- 59.04.A.999 Other twine, cordage, ropes and cables, plaited or not
- 59.05.A.001 Fishing nets
- 59.11.A.001 Woven fabrics of cotton, other than those coated or impregnated with rubber
- 59.11.A.002 Fabrics of cotton or of man-made fibres, coated with synthetic rubber on both surfaces
- 59.11.A.999 Other rubberized textile fabrics, other than rubberized knitted or crocheted goods
- 59.13.A.001 Elastic fabrics and trimmings (other than knitted or crocheted goods) consisting of textile materials combined with rubber threads. Of man-made fibres (continuous or discontinuous)
- 59.13.A.999 Other elastic fabrics and trimmings (other than knitted or crocheted goods) consisting of textile materials combined with rubber threads
- 59.16.A.001 Transmission, conveyor or elevator belts or belting, of textile material, whether or not strengthened with metal or other material, of man-made fibres
- 60.01.A.002 Knitted or crocheted fabric, not elastic nor rubberized, in the piece, of man-made fibres
- 60.01.A.003 Of wool, animal hair or horsehair
- 60.01.A.004 Of cotton

- 60.01.A.999 Other knitted or crocheted fabric, not elastic nor rubberized, in the piece
- 60.03.A.001 Stockings, under stockings, socks, ankle-socks, sockettes and the like, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized
- 60.05.A.001 Outer-garments and other articles, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized
- 60.06.A.001 Fabric of cotton
- 60.06.A.999 Other knitted or crocheted fabric and articles thereof, elastic or rubberized (including elastic knee-caps and elastic stockings)
- 61.01.A.001 Men's and boys' outer-garments, of man-made fibres, continuous or discontinuous
- 61.01.A.002 Of wool, animal hair or horsehair
- 61.01.A.003 Of cotton
- 61.01.A.999 Men's and boys' outer-garments, other
- 61.02.A.002 Women's, girls' and infants' outer-garments, of man-made fibres, continuous or discontinuous, made wholly or partly with the fabrics of heading Nos. 58.08 to 58.10
- 61.02.A.003 Of man-made fibres, continuous or discontinuous, other than those sub-heading 61.02.A.002
- 61.02.A.004 Of wool, animal hair or horsehair
- 61.02.A.005 Of cotton
- 61.02.A.999 Women's, girls' and infants' outer-garments, other
- 61.03.A.001 Men's and boy's under garments, including collars, shirt fronts and cuffs, of man-made fibres, continuous or discontinuous
- 61.03.A.002 Of cotton
- 61.03.A.999 Men's and boys' under garments, including collars, shirt fronts and cuffs, other

- 61.04.A.001 Women's, girls' and infants' under garments, of cotton, made wholly or partly with the fabrics of headings Nos. 58.08 to 58.10
- 61.04.A.999 Women's, girls' and infants' under garments, other
- 61.05.A.001 Handkerchieves
- 61.07.A.001 Ties, bow ties and cravats
- 61.09.A.999 Other corsets, corset-belts, suspender-belts, brassières, braces, suspenders, garters and the like (including such articles of knitted or crocheted fabric), whether or not elastic
- 62.01.A.001 Travelling rugs and blankets, of wool, animal hair or horsehair
- 62.01.A.999 Travelling rugs and blankets, other
- 62.02.A.001 Bed linen, table linen, toilet linen and kitchen, of man-made fibres
- 62.02.A.002 Bed linen, table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen, of cotton or other vegetable fibres
- 62.02.A.999 Bed linen, table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen; curtains and other furnishing articles, other
- 62.03.A.002 Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods of polyethylene or of polypropylene
- 62.03.A.999 Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods, other
- 62.04.A.001 Tarpaulins, awnings and tents
- 62.04.A.999 Tarpaulins, sails, awnings, sunblinds, tents and camping goods, other
- 62.05.A.999 Other made-up textile articles (including dress patterns)
- 63.01.A.001 Clothing, clothing accessories, travelling rugs and blankets, household linen and furnishing articles (other than articles falling within heading No. 58.01, 58.02 or 58.03), of textile materials, footwear and headgear of any material showing signs of appreciable wear and imported in bulk or in bales, sacks or similar bulk packings

63.02.A.001 Rags, of vegetable fibres

63.02.A.999 Used or new rags, scrap twine, cordage, rope and cables  
and worn out articles of twine, cordage, rope or cables,  
other