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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification Under Article 2, Paragraph 1

Attached is a notification received by the TSB from Finland in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 2 of the Textiles Arrangement. As required by the provisions of this paragraph the TSB is circulating this notification to participating countries in the Arrangement for their information. A summary tabulation of this notification prepared by the secretariat is also attached.

It is to be noted that the TSB, in the light of paragraph 11 of COM.TEX/2, is continuing to examine the notifications received in order to ensure the completeness and adequacy of the information, and is requesting the supply of additional information wherever necessary. Any additional information thus received will also be circulated.

It is, of course, open to any party to the Arrangement to request the TSB or the secretariat to seek any further information or clarification they may wish to have from the parties concerned, or to supply any additional information of relevance. Such information will also be circulated.

Notification Made to the TSB in Accordance with Article 2,
Paragraph 1, of the Textiles Arrangement

Letter No. 1

The Permanent Mission of Finland presents its compliments to the secretariat of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and has the honour to submit herewith a notification pursuant to paragraph 1 of Article 2 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, which was signed by the Government of Finland on 21 January 1974, subject to ratification. This notification should, however, not be understood as an acceptance of the interpretation of the beginning of the time-limit for notifications, given in the unnumbered GATT airgram of 14 January 1974.

Geneva, 1 March 1974

Secretariat of the
General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade,
Villa Le Bocage,
Geneva.

Import Treatment of Textile
Products in Finland

Imports of textile products are generally free of licence in Finland. However, imports of the following commodities are subject to licensing:

1. Imports from Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, People's Republic of China, Poland, Romania and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics are subject to licensing in the following commodities:

Customs tariff No.	Commodity
51.04	Woven fabrics of man-made fibres (continuous) including woven fabrics of monofil or strip of heading No. 51.01 or 51.02

Customs tariff No.	Commodity
53.06/12	Yarn of carded sheep's or lambs' wool (woollen yarn), of combed sheep's or lambs' wool (worsted yarn), of fine animal hair (carded or combed), of horsehair or of other coarse animal hair; woven fabrics of sheep's or lambs' wool or of other animal hair, except of horsehair
55.05/09	Cotton yarn, cotton gauze; woven fabrics of cotton
56.05/07	Yarn of man-made fibres (discontinuous or waste) woven fabrics of man-made fibres (discontinuous or waste)
58.04/05	Woven pile fabrics and chenille fabrics (other than fabrics of cotton falling within heading No. 55.08 or 58.05); 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
58.07	Chenille yarn, gimped yarn (other than metallized yarn of heading No. 52.01 and gimped horsehair yarn); braids and ornamental trimmings in the piece; tassels, pompons and the like
59.02/03	Felt and articles of felt; bonded fibre fabrics, similar bonded yarn fabrics, and articles of such fabrics
59.07/13	Textile fabrics coated with gum or amylaceous substances, of a kind used for the outer covers of books and the like; tracing cloth; prepared painting canvas; buckram and similar fabrics for hat foundations and similar uses; textile fabrics impregnated or coated with preparations of cellulose derivatives or of other artificial plastic materials; textile fabrics coated or impregnated with oil or preparations with a basis of drying oil; 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

Customs tariff No.	Commodity
59.07/13 (cont'd)	consisting of a coating applied on a textile base, cut to shape or not; rubberized textile fabrics, other than rubberized knitted or crocheted goods; textile fabrics otherwise impregnated or coated; painted canvas being theatrical scenery, studio backcloths or the like; elastic fabrics and trimming (other than knitted or crocheted goods) consisting of textile materials combined with rubber threads
59.15/16	Textile hosepiping and similar tubing, with or without lining, armour or accessories of other materials; transmission, conveyor or elevator belts or belting, of textile material, whether or not strengthened with metal or other material
Chapter 60	Knitted and crocheted goods
61.03/05	Undergarments, including collars, shirt fronts and cuffs; handkerchiefs
Chapter 62	Other made-up textile articles

2. Products falling under tariff headings 51.04, 53.06/11, 55.05/09, 56.05/07, 58.02, 58.04/09, 59.03/05, 59.08, 59.13/15, 60.01/06, 61.01/05, 61.08/09, 62.01/02 and 62.04/05 and originating from the Republic of Korea are subject to licensing.

Letter No. 2^{1/}

1. Imports covered by the following tariff headings, mentioned in the notification, have been liberalized in March 1974 and should be deleted from the notification: 53.08, 53.09, 53.12, 55.07, 59.09, 59.10, 59.12, 59.16, 60.02, 60.06, 62.03 and 62.05.

^{1/}Letter received in response to the secretariat's request for details. In terms of the Textiles Committee's decision (see COM.TEX/2, paragraph 11) found to be lacking in the previous notification.

2. Imports of textiles under the bilateral import system of Finland take place in the framework of general bilateral trade agreements, the texts of which present no particular interest as far as textiles trade is concerned. The existing textiles quotas (global quotas) established in these bilateral agreements and their periods of validity are as follows (in US\$'000):

Bulgaria	(1 January to 31 December 1974)	200
China	(1 January to 31 December 1974)	1,500
Czechoslovakia	(1 January to 31 December 1974)	1,800
GDR	(1 July 1973 to 30 June 1974)	1,225
Hungary	(1 July 1973 to 30 June 1974)	1,280
Poland	(1 January to 31 December 1974)	1,600
Romania	(1 January to 31 December 1974)	700

In some cases these quotas include also textile products other than those covered by the Agreement Regarding International Trade in Textiles.

Notification to the Textiles Surveillance Body Under Article 2(1) by FINLAND

Date of notification	BTN number	Product description	Type of measure applied	Country affected	Levels of imports affected		Effective date of entry	Expiry date	Remarks
					Quantity	Value			
1.3.1974	51.04	Woven fabrics of man-made fibres	Global quotas ^{1/} under bilateral agreements. Licensing	Bulgaria, (B) Czechoslovakia, (CZ) GDR, Hungary*, (H) P.R. China, (PRC) Poland*, (P) Romania*, (R) USSR		(in US\$1,000)			
	53.06	Yarns of ... wool				(B) 200	1.1.74	31.12.74	
	55.05, 09	Cotton yarns ...				(PRC) 1,500	"	"	
	56.05, 07	Yarns of man-made fibres				(CZ) 1,800	"	"	
	58.04, 05	Woven pile fabrics and chenille ...				(GDR) 1,225	1.7.73	30.6.74	
	58.07	Chenille yarn ...				(H) 1,200	"	"	
	59.02, 03	Felt and articles thereof				(P) 1,600	1.1.74	31.12.74	
	59.07, 13	Textile fabrics coated with gum or ...				(R) 700	"	"	
	59.15	Textile hosepiping and similar tubing							
	60	Knitted and crocheted goods							
	61.03, 05	Undergarments							
	62	Other made-up textile articles							
	(ex 51-62)	All products falling under these customs tariff Nos.;							
		51.04; 53.06,11; 55.05,09; 56.05,07; 58.02,04,09; 59.03,05,08,13,15; 60.01; 61.01,05,08,09; 62.01,02,04;		Korea*					

* Participating country in the Arrangement.

^{1/} In some cases these quotas include also textiles products other than those covered by the Agreement regarding international trade in textiles.