

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Report on Status of Restrictive Measures Under Article 2, Paragraph 4

Note by the Chairman

The TSB has received from the Government of Colombia a report on the status of the restrictive measures originally notified by it in document COM.TEX/SB/20. This report has been submitted to the TSB in accordance with Article 2, paragraph 4, of the Arrangement. The TSB has examined the report and has found that it is in conformity with the Arrangement.

The TSB is circulating this notification to participating countries in the Arrangement for their information.

Geneva, 12 May 1975

Sir,

I have the honour to advise you that my national authorities have adopted the following measures for liberalization of trade in textiles, thereby amending the provisions previously notified by this Mission to the Textiles Surveillance Body in accordance with Article 2:1 of the Textiles Arrangement:

- (a) The following articles have been transferred from the prior licensing system to the free import system:

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- 53.02.01.01 Other animal hair (fine or coarse), not carded or combed:
alpaca or llama
- 53.03.00.00 Waste of sheep's or lambs' wool or other animal hair
(fine or coarse), not pulled or garnetted
- 54.03.01.00 Flax yarn, not put up for retail sale
- 54.04.01.00 Flax yarn, put up for retail sale
- 57.08.00.00 Paper yarn

- (b) The following articles may also be imported freely, the only requirement being approval by the Colombian Agricultural Institute:

- 54.01 Flax, raw or processed but not spun; flax tow and waste
(including pulled or garnetted rags)
- 54.01.01.00 Raw or processed but not spun
- 54.01.02.00 Tow and waste (including pulled or garnetted rags)

Some of the articles listed above are not covered by the Arrangement and are included solely for information.

I also wish to state that, at the meeting of the Working Party set up by the GATT Council to examine the Colombian Government's request for provisional accession, in which meeting a representative of the International Monetary Fund took part, it was fully established that the restrictions applied by Colombia to its international trade, including those notified to the Textiles Surveillance Body, are consistent with the provisions of Article XVIII of the General Agreement.

These conclusions are set forth in the report of the Working Party (document L/4173) which will be examined at the next meeting of the Council; the Colombian Permanent Mission will inform the Textiles Surveillance Body of this in due course.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(signed) Felipe JARAMILLO,
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative, a.i.