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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 NORWAY a report on the status of the restrictive measures originally notified by it in document COM.TEX/SB/15. This report has been submitted to the TSB in accordance with Article 2, paragraph 4, of the Arrangement.

The TSB took note that restraint measures on textiles were maintained against Poland, Romania and Hungary under bilateral agreements concluded under the provisions of GATT (including its annexes and protocols). The Norwegian authorities have indicated that in negotiations regarding the future of such measures, they would give due consideration to the objectives of the Textiles Arrangement, and that they would be prepared to notify the results of such negotiations to the Chairman of the TSB for the information of participants. Also, the Norwegian authorities have indicated that they are willing to consider transforming trade measures on textiles into agreements under the relevant provisions of the Arrangement by agreement between the parties concerned.

In view of the request received from Norway, the TSB concurred in an extension of the time period to permit consultations with Malaysia, and requested a progress report by 31 October 1975.

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

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Geneva, 16 June 1975

Letter No.1

Dear Ambassador Wirth,

With reference to your letter of 27 March 1975, I have the honour to enclose the Norwegian report on status of restrictive measures under Article 2:4 of the Textiles Arrangement.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) Johan H. Dahl  
First Secretary of Embassy

NORWAY Report on status of restrictive measures notified 23 April 1974 (COM.TEX/SB/15).

Countries affected	Type of restriction	Products affected	Remarks
<u>Japan</u>	Import quota	Fabrics of discontinuous regenerated fibres (ex 5607)	The annual negotiations with Japan were opened in Oslo on 10 March 1975. The two delegations have agreed to extend the period of negotiations with a view to reaching a mutually satisfactory arrangement
	Import quota	Garments of other material than cotton (ex 6001, ex 6003, ex 6004, ex 6005, ex 6101, ex 6102, ex 6103, ex 6104, ex 6109)	
	Import quota	Other made-up articles of other material than cotton (ex 5805, ex 5913, ex 6202)	
	Export restraints	Fabrics of synthetic discontinuous fibres (ex 5104, ex 5607)	
	Import quota	Garments of cotton (ex 6001, ex 6003, ex 6004, ex 6005, ex 6101, ex 6102, ex 6103, ex 6104, ex 6109)	
	Import quota	Other made-up articles and fabrics of cotton (ex 5505, 5506, 5507, 5508, ex 5509, ex 5802, ex 5805, ex 5809, ex 5913, ex 6201, ex 6202)	
<u>Republic of Korea</u>	Export recommendations/import licensing	Fabrics	The yearly negotiations for fixing the annual quotas and extending liberalization of trade between Norway and Korea took place on 24 May 1974. The agreement was notified to the TSB and circulated as COM.TEX/SB/53. The yearly negotiations for fixing the annual quotas and extending the liberalization will start 17 June 1975.
	Export recommendations/import licensing	Garments and other textile articles	

Countries affected	Type of restriction	Products affected	Remarks
<u>Hong Kong</u>	Export restraints	ex 841.439 Briefs, drawers, pantsies, under- ex 841.841 shorts and the like, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberised, wholly or mainly of cotton or man-made fibres, men's and boys' wear	A new agreement between Norway and Hong Kong for the period 1 July 1974 - 30 June 1975 was concluded on 21 December 1974. The agreement was notified to the TSB on 5 February 1975. Compared to the previous agreement items ex 841.439, ex 841.841, ex 841.442 and ex 841.844 were added to the restrictive list and the following items were liberalized:
		ex 841.442 Briefs, drawers, pantsies, under- ex 841.844 shorts and the like, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberised, wholly or mainly of cotton or man-made fibres, men's and boys' wear	841.451 Undergarments and nightgowns, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberised, wholly or mainly of cotton, infants' wear
		ex 841.442 Briefs, drawers, pantsies, under- ex 841.844 shorts and the like, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberised, wholly or mainly of cotton or man-made fibres, men's and boys' wear	841.431 Shirts, knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, men's and boys' wear
		ex 841.442 Briefs, drawers, pantsies, under- ex 841.844 shorts and the like, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberised, wholly or mainly of cotton or man-made fibres, men's and boys' wear	841.186 Nightgowns, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, women's and girls' wear
		ex 841.442 Briefs, drawers, pantsies, under- ex 841.844 shorts and the like, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberised, wholly or mainly of cotton or man-made fibres, men's and boys' wear	841.462 Jackets, jumpers, sweaters, cardigans, and pullovers, knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of sheep's wool (including lambs' wool), men's and boys' and women's and girls' wear
		ex 841.442 Briefs, drawers, pantsies, under- ex 841.844 shorts and the like, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberised, wholly or mainly of cotton or man-made fibres, men's and boys' wear	841.465 Jackets, jumpers, sweaters, cardigans, and pullovers, knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of acrylic fibres, women's and girls' wear
		ex 841.442 Briefs, drawers, pantsies, under- ex 841.844 shorts and the like, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberised, wholly or mainly of cotton or man-made fibres, men's and boys' wear	841.866 Jackets, jumpers, sweaters, cardigans and pullovers, knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of acrylic fibres, women's and girls' wear

Countries affected	Type of restriction	Products affected	Remarks
		841.137 Blouses and jumpers, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton or discontinuous synthetic fibres, not embroiled, women's and girls' wear	ex 841.713 Anoraks and the like, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of discontinuous synthetic fibres, men's and boys' wear
		ex 841.739	
		ex 841.117 Slacks, jeans and trousers (except shorts), not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, men's and boys' and women's and girls' wear	ex 841.751 Anoraks and the like, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of continuous and discontinuous synthetic fibres, women's and girls' wear
<u>Malaysia</u>	Export restraints/ import licensing	Shirts of woven fabrics wholly or mainly of cotton or discontinuous synthetic fibres	The agreement with Malaysia expired 30 April 1975. Negotiations for a new agreement will start on 18 June
<u>Singapore</u>	Export restraints/ import licensing	Shirts of woven fabrics wholly or mainly of discontinuous synthetic fibres	Negotiations for a renewal of the agreement between Norway and Singapore on export restraints for shirts of synthetic fibres started in March 1974. A mutual understanding was reached in November on an annual quota of 127,000 pcs. which includes 5% increase and 10% carry-over. No formal agreement has, however, been signed.  Negotiations for a new agreement are proposed to take place in July.

Countries affected	Type of restriction	Products	Remarks
<u>Bulgaria</u>	Import quotas	Textile goods (incl. ready-made clothing and hosiery) of cotton, linen and wool	
<u>Czechoslovakia</u>	Import quotas	Cotton piece goods bleached for bed linen Knitted underwear and nightwear of cotton Underwear and nightwear of woven material of all kinds, incl. shirts Tablecloth of cotton and linen Men's suits/incl. single jackets and trousers/of cotton, wool and synthetic fibres Towels, of which one half of the item shall be utilized for terry towels/terry woven products/ and the rest for glass and linen towels Other woven fabrics of cotton not printed Multicoloured woven fabrics of discontinuous man-made fibres Ready-made bedwear Other stockings and socks	
<u>German Democratic Republic</u>	Import quotas	Knitted goods of cotton (Underwear and nightwear) Terry towels Men's stockings and socks Table cloth of cotton and linen	

Countries affected	Type of restriction	Products affected	Remarks
<u>Hungary</u>	Import quotas	<p>Piece goods, not printed, of cotton and/or discontinuous man-made fibres</p> <p>Stockings and socks</p> <p>Other knitted goods of cotton excluding knitted outerwear</p> <p>Underwear and night-wear of woven material, cotton or linen</p> <p>Outerwear of cotton and linen exclusive of ladies' dresses other than aprons and aprondresses</p> <p>Shirts of cotton</p> <p>Towels</p> <p>Bed linen, containing cotton or of flax</p> <p>Table linen, containing cotton or of flax</p>	<p>The restraint system applied during 1975 is the same as during previous years</p> <p>In the case of Hungary due consideration has been given to the provisions concerning quantitative restrictions contained in the protocol of accession to the GATT of Hungary, as well as the objectives of the MFA</p>
<u>Poland</u>	Import quotas	<p>Woven cotton piece-goods, bleached, multi-coloured, not printed, woven piece-goods of cotton and/or spun rayon or other discontinuous man-made fibres</p> <p>Household linen of cotton and linen, incl. table cloths, bed sheets, pillow-cases and bed-ticks, but excluding towels and towelling of all kinds</p> <p>Underwear, nightwear and outerwear incl. shirts of woven material, cotton or linen</p> <p>Towels and towelling of all kinds, cotton or linen</p>	<p>The restraint system applied during 1975 is the same as during previous years.</p> <p>In the case of Poland due consideration has been given to the provisions concerning quantitative restrictions contained in the protocol of accession to the GATT of Poland as well as the objectives of the MFA</p>

Countries affected	Type of restriction	Products affected	Remarks
<u>Romania</u>	Import quotas	Knitted nightwear and underwear of cotton	The restraint system applied during 1975 is the same as during previous years  In the case of Romania due consideration has been given to the provisions concerning quantitative restrictions contained in the protocol of accession to the GATT of Romania as well as the objectives of the MFA
		Other woven fabrics of cotton, not printed  Stockings and socks	
		Woven piece-goods of cotton, rayon wool, linen and hemp, ready-made garments - and knitwear  Underwear and nightwear of knitted goods  Towelling	

Letter No. 2

17 July 1975

Dear Ambassador Wurth,

With my letter of 16 June 1975, I submitted the Norwegian report on the status of restrictive measures under Article 2:4 of Textile Arrangement.

I now have the honour to enclose a progress report with additional information on the status of these restrictive measures as well as the latest development with regard to consultations with the countries concerned.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Johan H. Dahl  
First Secretary of Embassy

Progress Report on the Status of Restrictive Measures  
Under Article 2:4 of the MFA. (Ref. The Norwegian  
Notification of 16 June 1975)

Japan

Consultations are still going on between Norway and Japan with a view to reaching a mutually satisfactory solution in the near future. TSB has concurred in an extension of the time-limit in accordance with Article 2, paragraph 2, of the Arrangement.

Republic of Korea

The yearly consultations for fixing the annual quotas and extending liberalization of trade between Norway and the Republic of Korea took place in Seoul from 27 June to 1 July. Agreement taking due regard to the MFA (Article 4) has been reached between Norway and the Republic of Korea. The agreement will be signed in the near future and it will be notified to the TSB as soon as possible.

Hong Kong

Negotiations between Norway and Hong Kong for a new agreement started in Oslo 23 June. No agreement has been concluded at this stage and consultations will continue at a later date with a view to reaching a mutually acceptable solution.

Malaysia

The Norwegian agreement with Malaysia expired 30 April 1975. Negotiations for a new agreement started on 18 June. A preliminary agreement was reached on a prolongation of the latest agreement from 1 May to 30 September 1975. Further consultations are planned to take place in September 1975 with a view to reaching a mutually acceptable solution. Pending the outcome of these consultations the Norwegian Government hereby seek the concurrence of the TSB for an extension of the time-limit in accordance with Article 2, paragraph 2, of the Arrangement.

Singapore

A preliminary agreement was reached in November 1974 between Norway and Singapore on an annual export restriction for shirts. However, no formal agreement has been signed. Legally speaking there exists, therefore, for the time being no agreement between Norway and Singapore. Trade has, however, been based on the preliminary agreement. It is to be noted that the previous Arrangement with Singapore, as notified under Article 2:1, expired on 31 December 1973.

The Norwegian authorities proposed in June 1975 negotiations for a new agreement on shirts. Because of other commitments it was not possible for the parties to find a mutually acceptable date in June. It is our intention to hold negotiations as soon as possible with a view to finding a mutually acceptable solution on the basis of Article 4 of the MFA.

#### Hungary

Negotiations between Norway and Hungary for a protocol for 1975 as well as a long-term arrangement for 1967-80 started in Oslo 17 June. As no agreement was concluded, the consultations will continue in the autumn.

Bilateral agreements with Hungary will be concluded under GATT provisions including its annexes and protocols and due consideration will be given to the objectives of the MFA. The Norwegian authorities will be prepared to notify the results of the negotiations to the Chairman of the TSB for the information of participants. The Norwegian authorities will also be prepared to consider transforming trade measures on textiles into agreements under the relevant provisions of the Arrangement by agreement between parties concerned.

#### Poland

Negotiations between Norway and Poland for a new protocol for 1975 started in Warsaw 21 May. As no agreement was reached, trade is based on the protocol for 1974 which provides for an extension for 1975. Further consultations will take place later this year.

Bilateral agreements with Poland will be concluded under GATT provisions including its annexes and protocol and due consideration will be given to the objectives of the MFA. The Norwegian authorities will be prepared to notify the results of the negotiations to the Chairman of the TSB for the information of participants. The Norwegian authorities will also be prepared to consider transforming trade measures on textiles into agreements under the relevant provisions of the Arrangement by agreement between the parties concerned.

#### Romania

Negotiations between Norway and Romania concerning trade in 1975 as well as a long-term trade agreement were held in Bucharest from 2-7 June. Negotiations will continue in the fourth quarter of this year.

Bilateral agreements with Romania will be concluded under GATT provisions including its annexes and protocols and due consideration will be given to the objectives of the MFA. The Norwegian authorities will be prepared to notify the results of the negotiations to the Chairman of the TSB for the information of participants. The Norwegian authorities will also be prepared to consider transforming trade measures on textiles into agreements under the relevant provisions of the Arrangement by agreement between the parties concerned.

Czechoslovakia

Negotiations for a protocol for 1975 started 28 April. As no agreement was concluded, consultations will continue in the autumn. The Norwegian authorities will be prepared to notify the results of the negotiations to the Chairman of the TSB, by consent of the Czechoslovakian authorities.

Bulgaria

No further negotiations have taken place.

German Democratic Republic

Norway has a general long-term agreement with the German Democratic Republic for 1974-78. Under this agreement yearly trade protocols are established. The last protocol was negotiated for 1974. As no negotiations took place before the end of 1974, the protocol for 1974 was automatically prolonged to cover 1975.

It is intended to have negotiations in the autumn of 1975 on a new trade protocol for 1976. The Norwegian authorities are prepared to notify to the Chairman of the TSB the results of the negotiations, by consent of the authorities of the German Democratic Republic.