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

Note by the Chairman

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from the Government of the PHILIPPINES a report under Article 2:4 on the status of the restrictive measures originally notified by it in document COM.TEX/SB/26. Except for the introduction of a monitoring system, having no restrictive effects, on imports of certain synthetic yarns and fibres, there has been no change in the status of restrictive measures since the notification under Article 2:1. The TSB noted that these are foreign exchange controls authorized under Article XIV of the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund.

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

Letter No. 1

14 July 1975

Sir,

With further reference to our letter of 13 May 1975, I have the honour to inform the TSB that no new restrictions have been introduced by the Philippines since its last notification.

Furthermore, I wish to inform the TSB that the restrictions notified by the Philippines and reproduced in document COM.TEX/SB/26, remain in force.

In this regard, I should like to take this opportunity to state that these restrictions are foreign exchange regulatory measures aimed at achieving equilibrium in the balance of payment pursuant to Article XIV of the International Monetary Fund Articles of Agreement, after consultation with and approval by the IMF.

These measures were also reported by the Philippines to the Working Party on its provisional accession to GATT, as reflected in document L/3888, and there was no suggestion for consultation under GATT Article XVIII:B.

I also wish to inform the TSB of a monitoring regulation adopted by the Central Bank of the Philippines in MAAB No. 1 dated 3 January 1975, copy attached for ready reference.

This regulation is not intended to restrict or disallow the entry of the goods but merely to monitor the importation into the Philippines of synthetic yarns and fibres due to the apparent dumping of these products at prices below those in the domestic markets of suppliers.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) RENATO A. URQUIOLA
Acting Permanent Representative

Letter No. 2

13 May 1975

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 27 March 1975 requesting information on the status of restrictive measures under the provisions of the Multi-Fiber Arrangements, I wish to enclose herewith the desired data.

Acknowledgement of the receipt hereof will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) WILFREDO Y VEGA
Ambassador
Philippine Permanent Representative to GATT

Enclosure: As stated.

1. COUNTRY REPORTING/ PAYS FAISANT RAPPORT	2. RESTRICTIONS AS ORIGINALLY NOTIFIED UNDER ARTICLE 2:1/ RESTRICTIONS INITIALEMENT NOTIFIEES AU TITRE DE L'ARTICLE 2:1	3. ACTION SINCE NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 2:1/ ACTION DEPUIS LA NOTIFICATION AU TITRE DE L'ARTICLE 2:1	4. RESTRICTIONS INTRODUCED SINCE COMING INTO FORCE OF MFA/ RESTRICTIONS INTRODUITES DEPUIS L'ENTREE EN VIGUEUR DE L'ACTE
COUNTRIES AFFECTED/ PAYS TOUCHES	TYPE OF RESTRICTION/ TYPE DE RESTRICTION	PRODUCTS AFFECTED/ PRODUITS VISES	DURATION/ DUREE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES/ REPUBLIQUE DES PHILIPPINES	QUOTA/ CONTINGENT	Cotton garments and textile materials/ Vêtements de coton et matières textiles	Extended 1973 to 31 December 1976/ Prolongée en 1973 jusqu'au 31 décembre 1976
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA/ ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE			

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R E M A R Q U E

In compliance with a notification from the United States Government that consultations be held pursuant to Article 2, paragraph 2(ii) a meeting was held at Washington DC on 10-13 March 1975. A misunderstanding on the part of the Philippines that consultations will be on the existing Cotton Bilateral Agreement was clarified by the United States of America; i.e., that the consultations are for an all-fibre agreement to replace and supersede the existing Cotton Bilateral Agreement. Thus it was agreed that another meeting will be held and that the United States will send a new Diplomatic Note asking for consultations pursuant to Article 4 of the Arrangement. Both parties likewise agreed that the TSB will be informed accordingly. A la suite d'une notification du gouvernement des Etats-Unis demandant l'ouverture de consultations au titre de l'article 2, paragraphe 2 ii), une réunion a eu lieu à Washington, D.C., du 10 au 13 mars 1975. Les Philippines avaient cru à tort que les consultations concernaient l'accord bilatéral en vigueur sur le coton, mais les Etats-Unis d'Amérique ont précisé qu'il s'agissait d'un arrangement portant sur toutes les fibres destiné à remplacer ledit accord bilatéral sur le coton. Il a donc été convenu qu'une autre réunion serait organisée et que les Etats-Unis enverraient une nouvelle note diplomatique demandant l'ouverture de consultations au titre de l'article 4 de l'Arrangement. Les deux parties sont également convenues que l'OST serait dûment informé de la situation.

MEMORANDUM TO AUTHORIZED AGENT BANKS

Effective immediately, all applications for the importation of the following commodities, either through Letters of Credit, Document against Acceptances or Open Account arrangements or any other manner of payments shall be referred to the Current Imports and Commodity Classification Office, Central Bank, for prior approval:

- EP 266-01.01 - Discontinuous synthetic or artificial fibres, not carded, combed, or otherwise prepared for spinning
- EP 266-01.03 - Synthetic or artificial fibres, discontinuous or waste, carded, combed, or otherwise prepared for spinning
- EP 651-06.05 - Polyester filament yarn of the types imported directly by textile mills under prior joint authorization of the Board of Investments and the Tariff Commission
- EP 651-06.06 - Synthetic (high tenacity) yarn for fish net manufacture (No. of Denier: 210/2, 210/3, 210/6, 210/D, 420/D and 840/D)
- SUP 651-06.08 - Polyester filament yarn, n.e.s. (excluding the types imported directly by textile mills under prior joint authorization of the Board of Investments and the Tariff Commission)
- NEP 651-06.11 - Other yarns of continuous artificial or synthetic textile, not put up for retail sale
- NEP 651-06.12 - Other yarns of continuous artificial or synthetic textile, put up for retail sale
- NEP 651-06.13 - Other yarns of discontinuous or waste artificial or synthetic textile, not put up for retail sale
- NEP 651-06.14 - Other yarns of discontinuous or waste artificial or synthetic textile, put up for retail sale

Please be guided accordingly.

(Signed) G.S. LICAROS
Governor