

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 2:4

Report by Mexico

The TSB has received from the Government of Mexico a periodic report on the evolution of the Mexican textile industry and its relationship to the restrictions on textile imports in effect in Mexico. This had originally been requested by the TSB following its examination of the import régime of Mexico under the procedures evolved for the review of restrictions notified under 2:1 by participating countries which are not contracting parties to GATT.¹ A copy of the report is circulated for the information of participating countries.²

¹See COM.TEX/SB/30, page 6, paragraphs B and C.

²For observations of the TSB see COM.TEX/SB/338, paragraph 4.

Letter to Chairman, TSB, from Trade Department of Mexico

Mexico City, 26 May 1978

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 more particularly the control mechanism consisting of the prior import permit requirement.

On that occasion, after having examined the considerations presented by the Government of the United Mexican States, the TSB reached 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 Government of Mexico report on the evolution of its textile industry and on the situation in respect of import controls.

With respect to the report covering last year and the current year to date, I wish to state that the present situation of Mexico's textile industry presents the same characteristics as in 1974. The situation could even be said to have deteriorated somewhat because protectionist measures adopted by other countries have inhibited sound growth of production and exports to world markets and consequently have also hampered any improvement in the competitive capacity of Mexico's textile industry.

In view of the foregoing, the control measures applied on imports of textile products have not changed in essence and in the view of the Mexican Government their maintenance is still fully justified.

Nevertheless, and by reason of the fact that the Mexican Government is currently revising our country's protectionist policy, out of 159 textile articles included in the general import tax tariff corresponding to those covered by the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, Article 12, the prior permit requirement was lifted on 31 December 1977, in respect of twenty-one articles (Annex I), and 138 articles are still subject to that requirement (Annex II); in the view of the Mexican Government this represents a significant effort in furtherance of greater liberalization of international trade in textiles.

I would request you kindly to communicate the foregoing information to the members of the Textiles Surveillance Body and of the Textiles Committee, it being understood that the Mexican Government will pursue its efforts to promote sound and equitable development of international trade in textiles.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed)
Abel Garrido Ruiz
Director General
for International Trade Negotiations

ANNEX I

MEXICO

TEXTILE PRODUCTS LIBERALIZED ON 29 DECEMBER 1977

<u>Sub-heading No.</u>	<u>Text</u>
5101 A 006	Yarn of acrylic or modacrylic fibres
5101 A 007	Yarn of polyvinyl alcohol
5104 A 009	Woven fabrics of polyvinyl alcohol
5104 A 010	Products covered by National Note No.1 to Section XI
5801 A 001	Carpets, carpeting and rugs of wool, hand-made
5802 A 001	Other carpets, carpeting, rugs, mats and matting and "Kelem", "Schumacks" and "Karamanie" rugs and the like (made up or not)
5803 A 001	Tapestries, hand-made, made up or not
5806 A 001	Labels
5807 A 003	Braids and ornamental trimmings and the like, other than products of sub-heading 5807 A 002
5809 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.
5810 A 999	Other embroidery, in the piece, in strips or in motifs
5907 A 002	Prepared painting canvas
5914 A 001	Tubular knitted gas-mantle fabric and incandescent gas mantles
5914 A 002	Cotton wicks mounted on iron loops
5914 A 999	Other wicks of woven, plaited or knitted textile materials
6109 A 001	Brassière cups of regenerated fibre fabric

TEXTILE PRODUCTS WHICH WERE ALREADY LIBERALIZED

<u>Sub-heading No.</u>	<u>Text</u>
5305 A 002	Wool tops, other than hair falling within sub-headings 5305 A 001 and 003
5907 A 001	Tracing cloth
6108 A 001	Collars, tuckers, fallals, bodice-fronts, Jabots, cuffs, flounces, yokes and similar accessories and trimmings for women's and girls' garments
6204 A 002	Sails of man-made textile fibres
6204 A 003	Pneumatic storage facilities and pneumatic tents

ANNEX II

MEXICO

CUSTOMS SUB-HEADINGS OF THE GENERAL IMPORT TAX TARIFF
SUBJECT TO THE PRIOR PERMIT REQUIREMENT

BTN heading and Customs
sub-heading No.

Up to 30 June 1978

<u>51.01</u>	<u>53.07</u>	<u>58.04</u>
51.01.A.001	53.07.A.001	58.04.A.001
51.01.A.002		
51.01.A.003	<u>53.10</u>	<u>58.05</u>
51.01.A.004		
51.01.A.005	53.10.A.001	58.05.A.002
51.01.A.999		58.05.A.003
	<u>53.11.</u>	58.05.A.999
<u>51.03</u>		
	53.11.A.001	<u>58.06</u>
51.03.A.001		
51.03.A.002	<u>55.05</u>	58.06.A.999
51.03.A.003		
51.03.A.004	55.05.A.001	<u>58.07</u>
51.03.A.005		
51.03.A.006	<u>55.06</u>	58.07.A.001
51.03.A.999		58.07.A.999
	55.06.A.001	
<u>51.04</u>		<u>58.08</u>
	<u>55.07</u>	
51.04.A.001		58.08.A.001
51.04.A.002	55.07.A.001	
51.04.A.003		
51.04.A.004	<u>55.08</u>	<u>59.01</u>
51.04.A.005		
51.04.A.006	55.08.A.001	59.01.A.001
51.04.A.007		59.01.A.002
51.04.A.008	<u>55.09</u>	59.01.A.999
51.04.A.011		
51.04.A.999	55.09.A.001	<u>59.02</u>
	55.09.A.002	
<u>53.06</u>	55.09.A.999	59.02.A.001
		59.02.A.002
53.06.A.001	<u>58.01</u>	59.02.A.003
	58.01.A.999	59.02.A.004
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59.11.A.002

59.11.A.003

59.11.A.999

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59.12.A.999

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59.13.A.001

59.13.A.999

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59.16.A.001

59.16.A.002

59.16.A.999

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59.17.A.001

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