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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Report on Status of Restrictive Measures as  
Requested by the Textiles Surveillance Body in Accordance with  
Article 11, Paragraph 11

Pursuant to its request<sup>1</sup>, the Textiles Surveillance Body has received from Peru a report on the present status of the restrictive measures maintained by Peru.<sup>2</sup> This report has been submitted in accordance with Article 11, paragraph 11 of the Arrangement.

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

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<sup>1</sup>See COM.TEX/SB/319, paragraph 8.

<sup>2</sup>It is to be noted that these restrictions are maintained under Article XVIII of the GATT.

Letter to Chairman, TSB, from the Permanent Delegation of Peru

Geneva, 31 May 1978

Sir,

I have pleasure in writing with reference to your letter of 24 April 1978 concerning notifications by participating countries under Article 2 of the International Arrangement Regarding Trade in Textiles.

I enclose copies of the legal instruments in force in Peru for the regulation of trade in textiles:

- (a) Decree Law No. 21493 of 18 May 1976, products permitted for import;
- (b) List of textile products permitted for import.

Yours faithfully,

Elsa Arciniega  
Economic Counsellor

PRODUCTS PERMITTED FOR IMPORT

DECREE LAW NO. 21493

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC,

WHEREAS

The Revólutionary Government has made the following Decree Law:

THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT

CONSIDERING:

That it is the policy of the Revolutionary Government of the Armed Forces to restrict imports to goods essential for the country's economic development and for meeting the basic needs of the population;

That the said policy is particularly relevant in the present world economic situation which is substantially affecting our trade balance;

That, consequently, it is necessary to determine the products permitted for import in accordance with their priority importance in the country's social and economic development process, and with the sector plans and programmes;

Acting under the authority conferred upon him, and

With the approval of the Council of Ministers;

Has made the following Decree Law:

Article 1 - Imports shall be permitted only of products included in the list of permitted imports, which shall be approved by Supreme Decree, issued with the approval of the Council of Ministers.

Article 2 - Imports of products from the member countries of the Cartagena Agreement shall be governed by the relevant legal provisions.

Article 3 - Donations from abroad shall be exempt from the provisions of this Decree Law.

Article 4 - The list of permitted imports referred to in Article 1 may be amended only by Supreme Resolution, endorsed by the Ministers of Trade, of Economy and Finance and by the person responsible for the sector concerned.

Article 5 - Article 15 of Supreme Decree No. 202-68-HC of 24 June 1968 is hereby revoked, as are likewise the amendments, replacements and additions thereto and any other provisions not consistent with this Decree Law.

Done at Government House, Lima, on 18 May 1976.

STATUS OF RESTRICTIONS ON TEXTILE IMPORTS

1. Under Decree Law No. 21493 of 18 May 1976 a list of permitted imports was established, based on the following considerations;

- it is the policy of the Revolutionary Government of the Armed Forces to restrict imports to goods which are essential for the country's economic development and for meeting the basic needs of the population;
- this policy is particularly relevant in the present world economic situation in general which is substantially affecting our trade balance and in particular the economic crisis that our country is going through;
- consequently it is necessary to determine the products permitted for import in accordance with their priority importance in the country's social and economic development process, and with the sector plans and programmes;
- in the textile sector, the following products are included in the list of permitted imports:

51.01.02.00 Yarn of polyurethanes

51.01.03.01 Yarn of polyesters, 210 denier or more

51.01.03.99 Yarn of polyesters, other

51.01.11.00 Yarn of acrylic fibres

51.01.19.00 Yarn of other vinyl derivatives

51.01.49.00 Yarn of other synthetic fibres

51.01.89.00 Yarn of other regenerated fibres

51.02.03.01 Strip and the like of cellophane, for sealing cigarette packets

51.03.02.00 Yarn of regenerated fibres

52.01.00.02 Metallized yarn containing base metals, gilt, silvered or platinized

54.01.02.00 Flax tow and waste (including pulled or garnetted rags)

56.01.02.00 Polyurethanes

56.01.19.00 Other vinyl derivatives

- 56.01.49.00 Other synthetic fibres
- 56.01.51.00 Viscose rayon
- 56.01.52.00 Acetate rayon
- 56.01.89.00 Other regenerated fibres (discontinuous), not carded, combed or otherwise prepared for spinning
- 56.02.02.00 Continuous filament tow for the manufacture of polyurethanes (discontinuous)
- 56.02.52.01 Continuous filament tow for the manufacture of acetate rayon (discontinuous), rovings for the manufacture of cigarette filters
- 56.04.02.00 Polyurethanes
- 56.04.19.00 Other vinyl derivatives
- 56.04.49.00 Other synthetic fibres
- 56.04.51.00 Viscose rayon
- 56.04.89.00 Other regenerated fibres (continuous or discontinuous), carded, combed or otherwise prepared for spinning
- 56.05.03.00 Yarn of polyesters
- 57.03.01.02 Jute, stripped or otherwise processed
- 57.04.03.00 Cabuya, raw or processed but not spun; waste of such fibres (including pulled or garnetted rags or ropes)
- 58.05.04.01 Narrow woven fabrics of cotton, of a width not exceeding 13 mm., for use in the manufacture of typewriter ribbons
- 59.01.01.00 Wadding
- 59.01.02.01 Small rolls of cellulose acetate wadding, for use in the manufacture of cigarette filters
- 59.01.89.00 Other textile flock and dust and mill neps
- 59.02.01.00 Felt
- 59.02.02.00 Articles of felt, whether or not impregnated or coated
- 59.03.00.01 Bonded fibre fabrics of man-made fibres, for the manufacture of sanitary pads and towels

- 59.04.01.00 Twine, cordage, ropes and cables, plaited or not, of cotton
- 59.07.01.00 Textile fabrics, coated with gum or amylaceous substances, of a kind used for the outer covers of books and the like
- 59.07.02.00 Tracing cloth
- 59.09.00.01 Textile fabrics coated or impregnated with oil or preparations with a basis of drying oil, of cotton
- 59.09.00.99 Other textile fabrics coated or impregnated with oil or preparations with a basis of drying oil
- 59.11.01.00 Fabrics for the manufacture of pneumatic tyres (cord or "cordone")
- 59.11.02.00 Electrical insulating tape
- 59.11.89.01 Adhesive tape, in rolls, of rubberized textile fabrics
- 59.11.89.02 Other rubberized textile fabrics, other than rubberized knitted or crocheted goods
- 59.12.00.01 Textile fabrics coated with waxy substances, tar, asphalt and the like
- 59.14.00.01 Wicks for lamps, stoves, lighters, candles and the like
- 59.14.00.02 Incandescent gas mantles
- 59.14.00.03 Gas mantle fabrics
- 59.15.00.00 Textile hosepiping and similar tubing, with or without lining, armour or accessories of other materials
- 59.16.01.00 Conveyor or elevator belts or belting
- 59.16.02.00 Transmission belts or belting
- 59.17.01.01 Textile fabric, felt and felt-lined woven fabric, coated, covered or laminated with rubber, leather or other material, of a kind commonly used for card clothing, and similar fabric of a kind commonly used in machinery or plant
- 59.17.01.02 Bolting cloth
- 59.17.01.03 Straining cloth of a kind commonly used in oil presses and the like, of textile fabrics
- 59.17.01.04 Woven textile felts, whether or not impregnated or coated, of a kind commonly used in paper making or other machinery

- 59.17.01.99 Other cords, braids and similar textile products of a kind commonly used in machinery or plant as packing or lubricating materials, whether or not impregnated or coated
- 59.17.02.00 Textile articles of a kind commonly used in machinery or plant
- 60.06.02.99 Other rubberized knitted or crocheted articles
- 61.10.01.00 Special clothes for the protection of workers
- 62.03.01.99 Other sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods, of jute
- 62.03.05.01 Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods, of polypropylene
- 62.03.05.99 Other sacks and bags of a kind used for the packing of goods, of man-made fibres
- 62.04.89.00 Other tarpaulins, awnings, sun-blinds, tents and camping goods
- 62.05.00.02 Life-jackets
- 62.05.00.03 Safety-belts
- 63.02.00.00 Used or new rags, scrap twine, cordage, rope and cable and worn-out articles of twine, cordage, rope or cable
- 65.07.00.01 Head-bands for head-gear
- 65.07.00.99 Other head-bands, linings, covers, hat foundations, hat frames, peaks and chin-straps for head-gear
- 57.03.01.11 Jute, raw. Only with the approval of the MIT by reason of a shortfall in domestic production
- 57.04.01.00 Sisal, raw or processed but not spun; waste of such fibres (including pulled or garnetted rags or ropes)
- 59.05.01.99 Made-up fishing nets, subject to approval by the Ministry for Industry and Tourism and the Ministry for Fisheries
- 59.08.00.99 Only "corfen", teflon and woven fabrics of raffia coated with plastic materials, as an input for the industrial sector
- 51.01.01.01 Yarn of polyamide fibres (continuous), 20 denier or more, solely as an input for the industrial sector
- 53.02.01.02 Animal hair of rabbit or hare, solely as an input for the industrial sector

- 57.02.01.00 Manila hemp (abaca), raw or processed, solely as an input for the industrial sector
- 57.05.00.00 Yarn of true hemp, solely as an input for the manufacture of footwear
- 57.10.01.00 Woven fabrics of unbleached jute, of a width exceeding 2 metres, solely as an input for the industrial sector
- 58.04.89.01 Special plush fabrics, solely as an input for the industrial sector
- 59.04.89.00 Only twine and cordage for looms (Jacquards)
- 64.05.00.01 Only parts of components of footwear of rubber
- 68.07.01.00 Slag wool and similar mineral wools, solely as an input for the industrial sector
- 56.06.01.00 Yarn of synthetic plastic materials for the manufacture of powder filters, subject to approval by the Ministry of Industry and Tourism
- 58.07.00.01 Tubular products, solely for electrical use, subject to approval by the Ministry of Industry and Tourism

2. For members of the Andean Group, the treatment applicable is governed by the Cartagena Agreement, and imports are subject to the liberalization programme and the Common Minimum External Tariff.

3. In accordance with the spirit of Law 21493, account must be taken of the fact that Peruvian textile products are produced with domestic raw material and production is oriented towards meeting domestic demand in its entirety and exporting; accordingly the aim is to make optimum use of installed capacity of the textile factories, whose capital goods and inputs come from industrial countries.

4. Peru is a country considered as a small supplier, and it is therefore a cause for concern that products sold by the major producing centres could enter the country at dumping prices, generating disadvantageous competition with domestic production, the consequences of which would be detrimental.