

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

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## ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

### Notification Under Articles 7 and 8

#### Action Taken by the United States with Regard to Imports from the Republic of South Africa

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from the United States notification of an action taken by it with regard to imports of one textile item from the Republic of South Africa. This notification has been made pursuant to the obligations of the United States under Article 8:3 of the Arrangement, and bearing in mind the request by the Textiles Committee that actions taken vis-à-vis non-participants should be notified to the TSB. The TSB is circulating the notification under Articles 7 and 8 to participating countries for their information.

21 December 1978

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles done under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade at Geneva on 20 December 1973, and extended by protocol done at Geneva on 14 December 1977, hereafter referred to as the "Arrangement", and specifically to the market disruption and equity provisions of Article 3 of the Arrangement.

The Government of the United States has noted with concern the sharply rising imports from the Republic of South Africa of man-made fibre yarn (textile category 604), particularly spun plied acrylic yarn, classified in TSUSA 310.5049. Total exports of this product to the United States from all suppliers are causing market disruption as defined in Annex A of the Arrangement. Exports to the United States from the Republic of South Africa are contributing to this market disruption. The effects of such imports on the United States market, the recent trends of such imports from the Republic of South Africa and a table of import and domestic price data are appended as Annexes, which are to be regarded as integral parts of this note.

In order to avoid further market disruption and to ensure equitable treatment to those countries party to the Arrangement which are presently limiting their exports of this product to the United States, the Government of the United States is, as of the date of this note, taking action consistent with Article 3 of the Arrangement.

The Government of the United States is of the view that further sharp increase in imports of this product from the Republic of South Africa would cause serious market disruption giving rise to damage difficult to repair. Therefore, the Government of the United States will establish import restraint measures limiting entry of this product to a level not to exceed 1,866,000 pounds for exports from the Republic of South Africa to the United States during the twelve-month period beginning 1 January 1979.

The Government of the United States is prepared to consider the views of the Government of the Republic of South Africa concerning this action.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Acting Secretary of State,

(signed) William Barraclough

His Excellency,  
Donald B. Sole,  
Ambassador of South Africa.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Production</u>
1970	192,491
1971	233,635
1972	247,358
1973	292,238
1974	247,938
1975	225,670
1976	256,752
1977	274,937

Source: Bureau of the Census and Office of Textiles.

Comparable Imports and Domestic Price Data<sup>1</sup>

(US\$ per pound)

Category 604 yarn wholly of non-continuous filament, other 310.5049  
plied, acrylic.

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Republic of South Africa	1.39
Brazil	1.83
EEC	1.33
United Kingdom	1.80
Italy	1.20
Romania	1.50
Japan	1.40
Singapore	1.25
Philippines	1.25
United States	1.80

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<sup>1</sup>Imports are average duty paid c.i.f. value.

GENERAL IMPORTS

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

(604 Lbs.)

TSUSA-310.5049 (only)<sup>1/</sup>

Period	Quantity	
	Country	World
Calendar Year 1976	-	-
Calendar Year 1977	-	-
March through current month 1977	-	-
March through current month 1978	1,243,825	17,240,466 <sup>1/</sup>

<sup>1/</sup> 310.5049 is a new TSUSA number established as of 3 January 1978.

Imports per month 1978			Imports - year 1978	
Month	Country	World	Country	World
January	- <sup>1/</sup>	- <sup>1/</sup>	- <sup>1/</sup>	- <sup>1/</sup>
February	- <sup>1/</sup>	- <sup>1/</sup>	-	- <sup>1/</sup>
March	71,334	2,622,627	71,334	2,622,627
April	174,339	3,790,483	245,673	6,413,110
May	105,771	2,542,932	351,444	8,956,042
June	308,206	2,060,071	659,650	11,016,113
July	292,149	2,668,620	951,799	13,684,733
August	206,953	1,237,777	1,158,752	14,972,510
September	51,781	1,190,021	1,210,533	16,162,531
October	33,292	1,077,935	1,243,825	17,240,466
November				
December				

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