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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Articles 7 and 8

Amendment to the Bilateral Agreement between  
the EEC and Argentina

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from the EEC a notification of an amendment to its bilateral agreement with Argentina concerning trade in textiles.<sup>1</sup> This notification has been made bearing in mind the request by the Textiles Committee that actions taken vis-à-vis non-participants in the Arrangement should be notified.

The TSB is circulating this notification to participating countries for information.

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<sup>1</sup>For details of the original agreement see COM.TEX/SB/379.

AGREED MINUTE

In accordance with the request of the Commission, consultations were held on 26 July 1978 between Argentina and the European Economic Community to discuss trade in textiles and in particular trade in wool cloth (category 50) between Argentina and one region of the Community - the United Kingdom.

Present:

<u>Argentina</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>In Attendance</u>
Mr. Spector	Mr. Boselli	Mr. Farry (United Kingdom)
Mr. Layus	Mr. Hofmann	
	Mr. Hall	
	Mr. Bevan	

1. During consultation the Community delegation drew attention to the threat of damage to producers in the United Kingdom market arising from imports of wool cloth originating in Argentina. Such imports had risen from eight tons in 1976, to 203 in 1977 and 136 tons (out of an EEC total of 176) in the first five months of 1978. In particular imports were concentrated in NIMEXE positions 53.11-13, in medium weight 100 per cent wool worsted of the serge/flannel plain design, affecting a specific sector of industry.

2. The Argentine delegation emphasized that, in its view, trade at such level could not produce the results feared, and that no major expansion of exports was envisaged.

3. Nevertheless in a spirit of co-operation Argentina agreed to limit exports of wool cloth (category 50 of the bilateral agreement initialled between Argentina and the Community on December 1977) to the United Kingdom as follows:

1 August-31 December 1978	60 tons
1979	245 tons
1980	265 tons
1981	285 tons
1982	305 tons

Such exports would be subject with effect from 1 August 1978, to the double-checking procedures specified in the bilateral agreement and to such other of its provisions as were relevant.

(signed) Elvio Baldinelli,  
Ambassador,  
Head of Delegation,  
Republic of Argentina

(signed) Luigi Boselli,  
Head of Delegation,  
European Economic Community

NOTE VERBAL

The Directorate-General for External Relations of the Commission of the European Communities presents its compliments to the Mission of the Republic of Argentina to the European Communities and has the honour to refer to the Mission's Note No. 56 of 20 September 1978.

The Directorate-General confirms to the Mission that in view of the circumstances a special anticipation has been agreed in addition to the quota for Argentine exports of wool cloth in 1978 to the region in question, on the terms specified in the Mission's Note.

The Directorate-General for External Relations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Mission of the Republic of Argentina to the European Communities the assurance of its highest consideration.

Brussels,

The Mission of the Republic of Argentina,  
to the European Communities,

NOTE VERBAL

C.E. No. 56

The Mission of the Argentine Republic to the European Communities presents its compliments to the Directorate-General for External Relations of the Commission of the European Communities and has the honour to refer to the Agreed Minute regarding Argentine exports of wool cloth (category No. 50) to the United Kingdom, which was signed on 3 August 1978.

The Mission of the Argentine Republic wishes to point out that prior to the conclusion of the above-mentioned Agreed Minute, Argentine exporters already had in their possession credit cards covering the export to the United Kingdom of 105 tons of wool cloth (category No. 50) to be shipped in the year 1978. The Argentine authorities were not then aware of this fact because the above-mentioned Agreed Minute was concluded too rapidly to allow a detailed survey to be made of contracts in course of implementation by export firms.

Considering the obligation incumbent on Argentine exporters in respect of existing commitments, and the damage that might result if those commitments were not honoured, the Mission of the Argentine Republic requests that the limitation on exports of wool cloth (category No. 50), which was established at sixty tons for the period 1 August to 31 December 1978, be raised to 105 tons. The forty-five additional tons could be deducted in equal shares from the ceiling amounts granted for the years 1979, 1980 and 1981. Consequently, the quantities mentioned in paragraph 3 of the above-mentioned Agreed Minute of 3 August 1978 would be amended as follows:

- 1 August-31 December 1978	105 tons
- 1979	230 "
- 1980	250 "
- 1981	270 "
- 1982	305 "

The Mission of the Argentine Republic to the European Communities avails itself of this opportunity to express to the Directorate-General for External Relations of the Commission of the European Communities the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

Brussels, 20 September 1978