

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

### Articles 7 and 8 Notification

#### 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 existing initialled bilateral agreement, which had been concluded between the EEC and Argentina, concerning trade in textiles.<sup>1</sup> This notification has been made bearing in mind the request by the Textiles Committee that agreements concluded with, or actions taken against, non-participants should be notified.

The TSB is accordingly circulating the text of this communication to participating countries for their information.

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<sup>1</sup>For original agreement see COM.TEX/SB/433.

AGREED MINUTE

Following requests from the European Economic Community made in Notes Verbales dated 28.7.78 and 6.10.78, consultations were held during the period November 1978 to May 1979 between Argentina and the Community to discuss trade in combed and carded wool Category 46 ('wool tops').

1. During consultation Community delegations drew attention to the increase of total imports of wool tops originating in Argentina from 3.453 tons in 1976 to 6.258 tons in 1978. In the view of the Community, such increase had contributed to uncertainty, damage and the threat of further damage for Community producers. The level of imports was now far in excess of the limits specified in Article 6 of the Bilateral Agreement initialled in December 1977.
2. Argentine delegations had emphasised that in their view exports from Argentina had not produced the results alleged, that the growth in trade was compatible with assurances given to Argentina during negotiations of the Bilateral Agreement, and that no major expansion of exports was envisaged.
3. Nevertheless, in a spirit of cooperation to ensure security for both importers and exporters in the coming years, Argentina agreed to limit exports of combed and carded wool (Category 46) to the Community as follows :-

	<u>EEC</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>BNL</u>	<u>UK</u>	<u>IRL</u>	<u>DK</u>
1979	7254	859	1250	4200	640	280	5	20
1980	7834	1086	1384	4220	715	384	10	35
1981	8461	1340	1458	4240	806	547	16	54
1982	9138	1626	1616	4260	872	672	24	68

Such exports would be subject with effect from July 1 1979 to the double-checking procedures specified in the Bilateral Agreement and to such other of its provisions as were relevant to the application of the new quota.

4. The two sides noted that in particular Article 4 of the Bilateral Agreement would apply in full effect to trade in wool tops and thus (inter alia) imports of the product declared to be for re-export outside the Community in the same state or after processing would not be subject to the above limits.



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