

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Report on the Status of Restrictive Measures as Requested by the TSB¹ in Accordance with Article 11, paragraphs 11 and 12

Pursuant to its request¹, the Textiles Surveillance Body has received from Brazil a report² on the present status of its restrictive measures maintained against textiles. This report has been submitted in accordance with Article 11, paragraphs 11 and 12 of the Arrangement.

The TSB is circulating this notification to participating countries for their information.³

¹See COM.TEX/SB/457, paragraph 8.

²For previous submission see COM.TEX/SB/343.

³For observation by the TSB, see COM.TEX/SB/518, paragraph 9.

Geneva, 31 July 1979

Dear Mr. Wurth,

1. Upon instructions of my Government, and with reference to my letter No. 132, dated 16 July 1979, I can inform you that, besides the usual tariff rates, the only restrictions presently applied to imports of, inter alia, textile products imported by Brazil are those which aim at redressing the Brazilian balance-of-payments difficulties, and which, as such, have already been examined by the competent body of the GATT.
2. Such restrictions, which are of a temporary and non-discriminatory nature, appear in the following Brazilian legal instruments:
 - (a) Communication No. 79/3 of the CACEX, that lists, in its attachment C, the merchandise for which the issuance of "guias de importação" is suspended;
 - (b) Resolution No. 508 of the Brazilian Central Bank, containing the decision taken by the Brazilian Government to reduce, as from 25 January 1979 and until its definitive elimination on 6 July 1983, through a linear reduction of 10 per cent each semester, the amount of the prior deposit required for the issuance of "guias de importação"; and
 - (c) Decree Law No. 1685/79, which extended, up to 30 June 1980 the terms of Decree Law Nos. 1334/74, 1364/74 and 1421/75, relating to the surtaxes added to the import taxes.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(signed) (Paulo Roberto Barthel-Rosa)
Counselor

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GATT.