

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 TSB has received from the United States 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.

¹See COM.TEX/SB/457, paragraph 8.

²For previous submission, see COM.TEX/SB/355.

24 September 1979

Dear Mr. Chairman,

In response to your letter of 10 July 1979, and to the obligation on MFA participants arising from Article 2 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I am instructed by my Government to render a status report of restrictions on trade in textiles in effect on 1 September 1979.

The United States currently has in effect restrictions on textile products with twenty-one countries; these restrictions are outlined in twenty Article 4 bilateral agreements and two unilateral restraint actions. The United States has consultation agreements which do not embody any restraints with twelve countries, as well as a visa agreement (no restraints) with one country.

Each of the restraint actions and bilateral agreements referred to above and outlined on the attached chart has been duly notified to the TSB except for a new Article 4 bilateral agreement between the United States and Japan, which will be notified shortly.

Attached is a chart which outlines the status of these various agreements and restraint actions as of 1 September 1979.

Sincerely,

(signed) Robert E. Shepherd

Enclosure:
As stated

The Honourable Ambassador Paul Wurth,
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RESTRICTIONS

Country	Fibre coverage	Type ¹	Expiration date
Brazil	Cotton	4C	31.3.82
China	Cotton, man-made fibre	Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956	30.5.80
Colombia	Cotton, wool, man-made fibre	4C	30.6.82
Dominican Republic	Cotton, wool, man-made fibre	4C	31.5.83
Haiti	Cotton, wool, man-made fibre	4C	30.4.82
Hong Kong	Cotton, wool, man-made fibre	4C	31.12.82
India	Cotton, wool, man-made fibre	4C	31.12.82
Japan	Cotton, wool, man-made fibre	4C	31.12.81
Korea	Cotton, wool, man-made fibre	4C	31.12.82
Macao	Cotton, wool, man-made fibre	4C	31.12.79
Malaysia	Cotton, wool, man-made fibre	4C	31.12.80
Mexico	Cotton, wool, man-made fibre	4C	31.12.81
Pakistan	Cotton	4C	30.6.82
Philippines	Cotton, wool, man-made fibre	4C	31.12.82
Poland	Cotton, wool, man-made fibre	4C	31.12.80
Romania	Cotton	4C	31.12.82
Romania	Wool, man-made fibre	4C	31.12.80
Singapore	Cotton, wool, man-made fibre	4C	31.12.81
South Africa, Rep. of	Man-made fibre	Article 3	31.12.79
Taiwan	Cotton, wool, man-made fibre	4C	31.12.82
Thailand	Cotton, wool, man-made fibre	4C	31.12.82
Yugoslavia	Wool, man-made fibre	Article 4, selective	31.12.80

¹Article 4, Comprehensive. Several of the bilateral agreements identified here as "Comprehensive" have only a few specific limits, but they do all have some type of consultation mechanism covering product categories of the fibres concerned.

CONSULTATION AGREEMENTS

Country	Fibre coverage	Expiration date
Brazil	Man-made fibre	31.3.82
Czechoslovakia	Cotton, wool, man-made fibre	Indefinite
Egypt	Cotton	31.12.79 ^{1/}
Greece	Cotton, wool, man-made fibre	Indefinite
Hungary	Cotton, wool, man-made fibre	Indefinite
Jamaica	Cotton, wool, man-made fibre	Indefinite
Malta	Cotton, wool, man-made fibre	Indefinite
Nicaragua	Cotton, wool, man-made fibre	Indefinite
Peru	Cotton, wool, man-made fibre	Indefinite
Portugal	Cotton, wool, man-made fibre	Indefinite
Spain	Cotton, wool, man-made fibre	Indefinite
Yugoslavia	Cotton, wool, man-made fibre	Indefinite

^{1/} Renewable annually.

VISA AGREEMENT

Country	Fibre coverage	Expiration date
Sri Lanka	Cotton, wool, man-made fibre	Indefinite