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# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

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## ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

### Reports on the Status of Restrictive Measures as requested by the TSB in accordance with Article 11

#### INDIA

Attached is a report received by the TSB on the present status of restrictions on trade in textiles maintained by India. This report was submitted in reply to the TSB's request for information in pursuance of Article 11 of the Arrangement, and in particular paragraphs 11, 12 and 2 thereof.

Dear Mr. Wurth,

Kindly refer to your letter of April 18, 1980, in connection with preparations for the major review to be conducted by the Textiles Committee in October 1980 and fulfilment of obligations under Article 11 of the Arrangement. In this connection, I might also refer to our letter of even number dated March 11, 1980, in which we had informed you that India's import restrictions on textiles along with restrictions on other imports are maintained for balance of payments reasons and that these restrictions have been examined and approved by the Committee on Balance of Payment of the GATT. We had also informed you that the measures are described in the Import Policy of India for the period 1979-1980, published by the Government of India.

2. In view of your recent letter and with the objective of facilitating the work of the Textiles Surveillance Body in collecting the necessary information, we enclose the information set out in terms of the tabular form contained in your letter. You will notice that the three columns (Levels of Imports affected/effective date of entry/Expiry date) have been left out as these are not applicable in our case.

Yours sincerely,

  
(Arif Hussain)

**INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE TEXTILE SURVEILLANCE BODY  
IN TERMS OF ARTICLE II OF THE N. F. A.**

GATT, MFA or other provisions	CCM No. or other categorisation	Product	Description	Type of measure applied	Country affected
ARTICLE XVIII SECTION B OF GATT	51.01	Yarn of synthetic (man-made) fibres (continuous)	Imports of -	ALL SOURCES	
	51.02	Mono fil, strip (artificial straw and the like) and imitation catgut, of man-made fibre materials	(a) all synthetic non-cellulose fibres excluding polyester fibre/tow, polyinosic fibre, nylon fibres and polypropylene fibre		
	51.03	Yarn of man-made fibres (continuous) put up for retail sale	(b) Nylon yarn and thread (excluding base flat nylon filament yarn and industrial nylon yarn of 240 denier and above) and		
	56.01	Man-made fibres (discontinuous) not carded, combed or otherwise prepared for spinning	(c) Polyester filament yarn excluding base flat first quality		
	56.02	Continuous filament tow for manufacture of man-made fibres (discontinuous)	are made directly by the public sector agency - State Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Corporation of India under the Open General License under the liberalised import policy since 1976-77. The policy for canalisation through public sector agencies has been evolved with a view to effecting economical imports for the Actual Users, securing most favourable terms of payment and improving the terms of trade. Purchases by the public sector agencies are guided by normal commercial considerations and are entirely non-discriminatory in nature. State Trade and Government monopoly are not used as measures to restrict imports.		
	56.03 } 56.04 }	Waste of man-made fibres (continuous & discontinuous)	Imports of Polypropylene/Polyethylene filament yarn (all types) are restricted. Licences issued on the basis of annual requirements as determined by past consumption of the industry. Supplementary licences can also be claimed by the actual users to meet their residual requirements, if any.		
	56.05 } 56.06 }	Yarns of Man-made fibres (discontinuous)			

GATT, MFA or other provisions	CCCN No. or other categorisation	Product Description	Type of measure applied	Country affected
ARTICLE XVIII SECTION B OF GATT	51.04	Woven fabrics of man-made fibres (continuous) including woven fabrics of heading No. 51.01 or 02	Restricted *	All sources
	53.01	Sheep's or lambs' wool - raw wool	Import allowed under Open General Licence to Actual Users	- do -
	53.03	Waste of sheep's or lambs' wool	Restricted *	- do -
	53.05	Sheep's or lambs' wool, carded or combed	Restricted *	- do -
	53.06/53.10	Woolen yarn	Restricted *	- do -
	53.07	Worsted Yarn	Restricted *	- do -
	53.11	Woven fabrics of Wool	Restricted *	- do -
	55.05 55.06 }	Cotton Yarn	Restricted *	- do -
	55.07	Cotton gauze	Restricted *	- do -
	55.08	Terry towelling and similar terry fabrics of cotton	Restricted *	- do -
	55.09	Other woven fabrics of cotton	Restricted *	- do -
	56.07	Woven fabrics of man-made fibres (discontinuous)	Restricted *	- do -
	58.01 to 58.10	Carpets, tapestries, narrow fabrics etc.	Prohibited	- do -
	60.01 to 60.08	Knitted and crocheted goods	Prohibited	- do -
	61.01 to 61.11	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of textile fabrics, other than knitted or crocheted goods	Prohibited	- do -
	62.01 to 62.05	Other made up textile articles like rugs, bed linen, Curtains, furnishing articles etc.	Prohibited	- do -

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- \* 1. An actual user (industrial) holding an automatic licence can, however, import within the value of the licence, restricted items as are needed for the manufacturing process upto a value of Rs. 50,000/- for each item provided the total of all items imported does not exceed 10% of the value of the licence. Supplementary licences may also be obtained in case of need.
- \* 2. Registered Exporters are permitted to obtain Import Replenishment (REP) licences which are valid for importation from any source of restricted items necessary for the production of the particular export products.
3. India's import restrictions on textiles, along with restrictions on other imports are maintained for balance of payments reasons and these restrictions have been examined and approved by the Committee on Balance of Payments of the GATT. Details of various measures are described in the Import Policy of India published annually by the Department of Commerce, Government of India.