

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

REPORT OF THE SECOND MEETING (1982)^{1/}

1. The TSB held its second meeting of 1982 on 10 May.
2. The Chairman and members welcomed Mr. Haron Siraj (Malaysia) as member of the TSB following Malaysia's acceptance of the 1981 Protocol of Extension. Present at this meeting were the following members and/or alternates: Messrs. Beck, El Gowhari/Bajwa, Haron, Hyun/Chau, Sato and Shepherd.
3. The Chairman informed members of the additional acceptances of the 1981 Protocol of Extension as at 30 April 1982, as set out in COM.TEX/27/Add.1.
4. The report of the first meeting of 1982, which had been circulated to members and alternates and approved, is contained in COM.TEX/SB/762.
5. At this meeting, the following subjects were discussed:
 - (a) Pakistan/Finland
6. The TSB resumed its discussion of the complaint by Pakistan against emergency action taken by Finland in March 1982. It took note of a communication by Finland, with reference to the TSB's recommendation that Finland resume the issuance of import licences as soon as possible, indicating that on 25 March 1982 import licenses had been granted to an amount of 190,000 T-shirts from Pakistan. The TSB also heard a report from the representative of Pakistan, made in accordance with the TSB's recommendation that the parties report by 10 May, that a new bilateral agreement had been initialled between Finland and Pakistan with effect from 1 May 1982 until 30 June 1986. This agreement was in the process of being signed by both parties, and would be notified by Pakistan at the earliest opportunity. The TSB took note of this report.
- (b) United States/Singapore
7. The TSB received a notification from the United States of a new bilateral agreement with Singapore covering the period 1 January 1982 to 31 December 1985. In reviewing this agreement the TSB noted that this new agreement, which is a

^{1/} Hundred-and-thirty-second meeting overall.

straight extension of the previous agreement¹, was negotiated and signed at a time when the parties concerned gave considerable importance to avoiding changes which could have an effect upon, or be affected by, subsequent negotiations for renewal or extension of the MFA.

8. After its review, the TSB transmitted this agreement to the Textiles Committee in COM.TEX/SB/764.

9. The TSB also reviewed two notifications of amendments to the agreements between the United States and Singapore. In the first of these notifications, which concerned the agreement expiring on 31 December 1981, a new agreed specific limit was established for category 604 (non-cellulosic discontinuous filament yarn) and designated consultation levels were increased for categories 317 (cotton twills and sateen) and 319 (cotton duck) for the year 1981. The TSB transmitted this notification to the Textiles Committee in COM.TEX/SB/763. In the second notification, carryover for category 347/8 (cotton trousers) into the first year of the new agreement (1982) was established, and a modification was made to the consultation level for category 445/6 (wool sweaters). The TSB noted that the carryover provided for 1982 was an exception to the general rule in the new agreement where no carryover was generally permitted in the first agreement year. The TSB transmitted this notification to the Textiles Committee in COM.TEX/SB/765.

(c) EEC/India, Brazil, Thailand, Sri Lanka

10. The TSB considered a number of "basket exit" modifications to the existing bilateral agreements concluded under MFA II, between the EEC and India, Brazil, Thailand and Sri Lanka.

11. A new limit on exports from India to Ireland had been agreed for category 17 (men's and boys' jackets) for 1982. This category was already under restraint in Benelux, France, Italy and the United Kingdom. The TSB transmitted this notification to the Textiles Committee in COM.TEX/SB/766.

12. A new limit had also been agreed for exports from Brazil to Benelux on babies' wear (category 80) for 1982. It was noted that Brazil had accepted this limit ad referendum. The TSB transmitted this notification to the Textiles Committee in COM.TEX/SB/767.

13. Agreement had also been reached on new limits for exports of socks (category 12) from Thailand to France and for exports of anoraks (category 21) from Sri Lanka to France. Exports of category 21 from Sri Lanka were already under restraint in Benelux and the United Kingdom. The TSB transmitted these notifications to the Textiles Committee in COM.TEX/SB/768 and 769.

¹For the TSB's observations on the previous agreement, see COM.TEX/SB/403, paragraph 8.

(d) Austria/Singapore

14. The TSB took note of a notification from Austria concerning the introduction of an export surveillance system for woven blouses from Singapore, operating through certificates of origin, as from 1 January 1982. This measure had been introduced, following consultations between Austria and Singapore, pursuant to Article 7 of the MFA. The TSB transmitted this notification to the Textiles Committee for its information in COM.TEX/SB/770.

(e) Austria/Hong Kong

15. The TSB reviewed a notification received from Austria concerning the extension of its bilateral agreement with Hong Kong, and the export authorization procedure between the parties, for a one-year period beginning 1 February 1982. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee in COM.TEX/SB/771.