

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

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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<sup>1/</sup>

#### INDIA

Attached is a report<sup>2/</sup> received by the Textiles Surveillance Body 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.<sup>3/</sup>

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<sup>1/</sup> See COM.TEX/SB/783, paragraph 10.

<sup>2/</sup> Tables in English only.

<sup>3/</sup> The previous report by India is contained in COM.TEX/SB/733/Add.11.

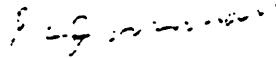
15th October, 1982.

Dear Mr. Roffaelli,

With reference to your letter No. TS/140-1 dated 23 July 1982, I am forwarding herewith the relevant information in respect of India as required by the TSB from participating countries in terms of obligations of Article 11 of the M.F.A.

2. The three columns, viz., Levels of imports affected in quantity and/or value, Effective date of entry and Expiry date have been left out as these are not applicable in the case of India.

Yours sincerely,



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INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE TEXTILE SURVEILLANCE  
BODY IN TERMS OF ARTICLE 11 OF THE M.F.A.

ARTICLE VIII SECTION B F GATT	CCCN No. or other categori- sation	Product Description	Type of measure applied	Country affected
			All Sources	
		<b>Imports of -</b>		
		(a) All synthetic non-cellulose fibres excluding Polyester fibre/tow, polyinosic fibre/tow, nylon fibre/tow, acrylic fibre/tow and polypropylene fibre/tow;		
		(b) Nylon, yarn and thread (excluding base flat nylon filament yarn and industrial nylon yarn of 210 denier and above; and		
		(c) Polyester filament yarn excluding base flat first quality (fully/partially oriented)		
		are made directly by the public sector agency - State Trading Corporation of India under the Open General Licence 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 to the extent required, 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.		
		Polypropylene/Polyethylene filament yarn (all types) appears in the list of Automatic permissible items. Licences are 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.		
		Import of synthetic waste is banned except for export production or for meeting essential requirements in exceptional circumstances. Import of Nylon waste, is allowed under O.G.L. for Actual Users engaged in recovery of caprolactum.		
		Imports of man-made fibres/yarns, which are not prohibited, restricted or canalised, is allowed under Open General Licence by Actual Users (Industrial).		
		<b>Imports of -</b>		
		(a) Yarn of synthetic (man-made) fibres (continuous)		
		(b) Monofil; strip (artificial straw and the like) and imitation catgut, of man-made fibre materials.		
		(c) Yarn of man-made fibres (continuous) put up for retail sale.		
		(d) Man-made fibres (discontinuous) not carded, combed or otherwise prepared for spinning.		
		(e) Continuous filament tow for manufacture of man-made fibres (discontinuous)		
		(f) Waste of man-made fibres (continuous) and discontinuous)		
		(g) 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.	Import not ordinarily permissible except for export production.	All Sources
	53.01	Sheep's or Lambs' wool - raw wool	Import allowed under Open General Licence to Actual Users	All Sources
	53.03	Waste of sheep's or lambs' wool		
	53.05	Sheep's or lambs' wool, carded or combed		
	53.06/53.10	Woollen yarn	Import not ordinarily permissible except for export production	All Sources
	53.07	Worsted yarn		
	53.11	Woven fabrics of wool		
	55.05 ) 55.06 )	Cotton yarn	Limited Permissible Item	All Sources
	55.07	Cotton gauze	- do -	All Sources
	55.08	Terry towelling and similar terry fabrics of cotton	- do -	All Sources
	55.09	Other woven fabrics of cotton	- do -	All Sources
	56.07	Woven fabrics of man-made fibres (discontinuous)		
	58.01 to 58.10	Carpets, tapestries, narrow fabrics, etc.		
	60.01 to 60.08	Knitted and crocheted goods		
	61.01 to 61.11	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of textile fabric, other than knitted or crocheted goods.	Import not ordinarily permissible except for export production	All Sources
	62.01 to 62.05	Other made up textile articles like rugs, bed linen, curtains, furnishing articles, etc.		

1. An actual user (industrial) holding an automatic licence can, however, import within the value of the licence, limited permissible items as are needed for the manufacturing process upto a value of Rs.100,000 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 limited permissible items, banned items and canalised 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.