

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Textiles Surveillance Body

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

1. The Textiles Surveillance Body held its ninth meeting of 1982 on 30 November and 1 December.
2. Present^{2/} at this meeting were the following members and/or alternates: Messrs. Beck^{2/}/Keck, Delgado, Haron, Hyun, MacNeil,^{2/} Sato and Shepherd.
3. The report of the eighth meeting was approved and has been circulated as COM.TEX/SB/810.
4. The following subjects were discussed:

Annual Report of the TSB

5. The TSB concluded its discussion of the text of its annual report to the Textiles Committee. The report has been circulated as COM.TEX/SB/811. Tables relating to restrictions maintained by participating countries are contained in the Addendum to the report.

United States/Hong Kong

6. The TSB continued its discussion of the new Article 4 bilateral agreement with Hong Kong, notified to the Body by the United States. It was agreed to continue this discussion at the next meeting.

Austria/Korea

7. The TSB continued its review of the new agreement concluded under Article 4 of the MFA between Austria and Korea, valid from 1 August 1982 to 31 December 1986. The TSB took note of the statements and clarifications requested from and supplied by Austria.

8. In reviewing this agreement, the TSB noted that:
 - (a) the agreement provided for growth rates varying from 1 per cent to more than 6 per cent;
 - (b) swing of less than 5 per cent had been agreed for certain categories;
 - (c) limits had been set on total flexibility available.

^{1/} Hundred and thirty-ninth meeting overall

^{2/} Part attendance

9. The TSB took note of the statement by Austria that:

- (a) the growth rates of less than 6 per cent had been agreed upon due to exceptional circumstances prevailing in the Austrian market for the categories in question, as envisaged in paragraph 2 of Annex B;
- (b) the swing of less than 5 per cent for certain categories had been agreed upon in return for higher quotas which incorporate swing, as well as other considerations in the agreement.

10. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit this notification to the Textiles Committee (COM.TEX/SB/812).

EEC/Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand

11. The TSB reviewed a number of modifications to the bilateral agreements between the EEC and the following supplier countries:

- (i) Malaysia, introducing new agreed restraints on handkerchiefs (Categories 19/89) into Italy for 1982;
- (ii) the Philippines, introducing new agreed restraints on pyjamas (Category 24) into the Community and handkerchiefs (19) into Italy, increasing the level for babies' wear (80) into the United Kingdom and increasing carryover for blouses (7) into the Federal Republic of Germany for 1982;
- (iii) Singapore, introducing new agreed restraints on briefs (13) into the United Kingdom and dresses (26) into the United Kingdom and Ireland for 1982;
- (iv) Thailand, introducing a new agreed restraint on women's knitted suits (74) into the United Kingdom for the period 1 September-31 December 1982.

12. The TSB agreed to transmit these notifications to the Textiles Committee (COM.TEX/SB/813 to 816).

Canada/Macao, Malaysia, Poland, Romania and Thailand

13. The TSB received notifications from Canada of new Article 4 bilateral agreements with Macao, Malaysia, Poland, Romania and Thailand. At the request of Canada, it was agreed to review these agreements at the next meeting.

Article 11 notifications

14. The TSB took note that replies under Article 11 had been received from Korea, Poland, Macao, Mexico, Jamaica and El Salvador. These have been incorporated in the material included in the annual report of the Textiles Committee. All Article 11 replies received are circulated as COM.TEX/SB/809 and Addenda.