

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Textiles Surveillance Body

REPORT OF THE THIRD MEETING (1983)^{1/}

1. The Textiles Surveillance Body held its third meeting of 1983 on 15-16 February.
2. Present at this meeting were the following members and/or alternates: Messrs. Bajwa/Puri^{2/}, Beck/Keck, Chau, Delgado^{2/}, Kittisataporn, MacNeil, Sato^{2/} and Shepherd.
3. The report of the second meeting was adopted and has been circulated in COM.TEX/SB/828.
4. The following points were discussed:

Finland/Korea

5. The TSB began its review of a new Article 4 bilateral agreement between Finland and Korea, valid from 1 January 1983 to 31 December 1986. It was agreed to revert to this notification at a later meeting.

Finland/India

6. The TSB reviewed a new Article 4 selective bilateral agreement between Finland and India, valid from 1 January 1983 to 31 December 1986. The TSB determined that on overall terms, this agreement was in conformity with the provisions of the Arrangement and agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee (COM.TEX/SB/829).

Finland/Thailand

7. The TSB reviewed a new Article 4 selective bilateral agreement between Finland and Thailand, valid from 1 January 1983 to 31 December 1985. It was noted that the previous bilateral agreement, which had expired on 31 December 1981, had been prolonged pro rata for one year. The TSB determined that on overall terms, this new agreement was in conformity with the provisions of the Arrangement, and agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee (COM.TEX/SB/830).

^{1/} Hundred and forty-third meeting overall

^{2/} Part-attendance

Finland/Malaysia

8. The TSB reviewed a new consultation agreement concluded between Finland and Malaysia under Article 4 of the Arrangement, valid for the period 1 January 1982 to 31 July 1986, covering men's and boys' cotton shirts, which had previously been under restraint between the parties. It was noted that the agreement had been signed in December 1982. The TSB agreed to transmit this notification to the Textiles Committee (COM.TEX/SB/831).

Finland/Romania

9. The TSB also reviewed a new Article 4 selective bilateral agreement between Finland and Romania, valid from 1 January 1983 to 31 December 1986. The TSB determined that, on overall terms, this agreement was in conformity with the provisions of the Arrangement, and agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee (COM.TEX/SB/832).

United States/Colombia

10. The TSB reviewed a new Article 4 comprehensive bilateral agreement between the United States and Colombia, valid from 1 July 1982 to 30 June 1986. In reviewing this agreement, the TSB noted that growth rates for two wool categories were set at 1 per cent during the lifetime of the agreement. However, taking into account other elements of this agreement, including growth rates higher than 6 per cent for other categories, the TSB concluded that, on overall terms, the agreement was in conformity with the provisions of the Arrangement, and agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee (COM.TEX/SB/833).

United States/Indonesia

11. The TSB reviewed a new selective agreement concluded under Article 4 between the United States and Indonesia, covering cotton shirts (Category 340) and cotton trousers (Category 347/8) and valid from 1 July 1982 to 30 June 1985. The TSB had previously been informed in September 1982 that this agreement superseded Article 3:5 actions which had been notified to the Body by the United States, and had decided to consider the new Article 4 agreement and the Article 3:5 measures together.^{1/}

12. Pursuant to its earlier decision, the TSB considered the Article 3:5 measures and the new Article 4 agreement together. It was agreed that it was not necessary to pursue its review of the Article 3:5 measures, and that the Article 4 agreement would be transmitted to the Textiles Committee (COM.TEX/SB/834).

^{1/} See COM.TEX/SB/790, paragraph 6

Article 11 notifications

Pakistan

13. The TSB took note of a notification received from Pakistan under Article 11, paragraphs 11, 12 and 2 of the Arrangement, and agreed to transmit it to the Textiles Committee as a further addendum to COM.TEX/SB/809.

14. In the course of its review of Article 4 agreements negotiated under the 1981 Protocol, and in particular the consultation procedures contained in such agreements, the TSB affirmed that any new restraint resulting from such consultation procedures is notifiable under Article 4:4 as a modification to the agreement concerned.