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**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
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Textiles Surveillance Body

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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Report on the Status of Restrictive Measures
as requested by the TSB in accordance with Article 11¹

INDIA

Attached is a report received by the Textiles Surveillance Body from India concerning the present status of its restrictions on trade in textiles and clothing. This report has been submitted in accordance with Article 11 of the Arrangement, and in particular paragraphs 11, 12 and 2 thereof.²

¹See COM.TEX/SB/859, paragraph 17

²The previous report by India is contained in COM.TEX/SB/809/Add.7


October 25, 1983.

Dear Mr. Raffaelli

With reference to your letter No.TS/140-1 dated June 28, 1983, 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 I.T.B.A.

| GATT, IFA or other provisions | CCCN NO. or other categori- sation. | Product Description | Type of measure applied | Country affected |
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| Article III Section B of GATT | 51.01 | Yarn of synthetic (man-made) fibres (continuous) | Imports of - | All Sources |
| | 51.02 | Monofil, strip (arti- ficial straw and the like) and imitation catgut, of man-made fibre materials. | (a) All synthetic non-cellulose fibres excluding polyester fibre/tow, polyinosic fibre/tow, nylon fibre/tow, acrylic fibre/tow and poly- propylene fibre/tow ; | |
| | 51.03 | Yarn of man-made fibres (continuous) put up for retail sale. | (b) Nylon filament yarn and thread (excluding base flat first quality (fully/partially oriented) and industrial nylon yarn of 210 denier and above, and | |
| | 56.01 | Man-made fibres (dis- continuous) not carded, combed or otherwise prepared for spinning. | (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. Purchases by the public sector agencies are guided by normal commercial considerations and are entirely non-discriminatory in nature. | |
| | 56.02 | Continuous filament tow for manufacture of man-made fibres (discontinuous). | 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. Supple- mentary licences can also be claimed by the actual users to meet their residual requirements, if any. | |
| | 56.03 | Waste of man-made | Import of synthetic tops/spun waste (except Nylon waste) is banned except for ex- production or for meeting essential requirements in exceptional circumstances. | |
| | 56.04 | Yarn of man-made fibres (continuous and discontinuous) | Import of nylon waste is allowed under OGI, for Actual Users engaged in recovery of caprolactum. | |
| | 56.05 | Yarn of man-made | Cellulose tops/spun yarn/waste has been put in the banned list. Also second grade viscose filament yarn below 600 denier excluding first quality has been canalis- | |
| | 56.06 | Yarn of man-made fibres (discontinuous) | Imports of man-made fibres/yarns, which are not prohibited, restricted or canalised is allowed under Open General Licence by Actual Users (Industrial), subject to | |

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| 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. | Actual user condition and Export Houses/Trading House against REP/Additional, licences, as per policy for stock and sale to eligible actual users subject to the conditions laid down. | All Sources |
| | 53.01 | Sheep's or Lambs' wool - raw wool | Import not permissible except for export production. | All Sources |
| | 53.03 | Waste of sheep's or lambs' wool | Import allowed under Open General Licences to Actual Users/Export House/trading House subject to conditions laid down. | All Sources |
| | 53.05 | Sheep's or lambs' wool carded or combed | Import not permissible except for export production | All Sources |
| | 53.06/53.10 | Woolen yarn | | |
| | 53.07 | Worsted yarn | | |
| | 53.11 | Woven fabrics of wool | | |
| | 55.05 X 55.06 X | Cotton yarn | * Limited Permissible Item | All Sources |
| | 55.07 | Cotton gauze | * Not permissible for import. | All Sources |
| | 55.08 | Terry towelling and similar terry fabrics of cotton | * Import not permissible except for export production | All Sources |
| | 55.09 | Other woven fabrics of cotton | | |
| | 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. | | |
| | 62.01 to 62.05 | Other made up textile articles like rugs, bed linen, curtains, furnishing articles, etc. | | |

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- * 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. 1,50,000 for a single 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. Details of various measures are described in the Import Policy of India published annually by the Department of Commerce, Government of India.