

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Committee

DERESTRICTION OF TEXTILES DOCUMENTS

Note by the Chairman

Under the former Cotton Textiles Arrangement documents appearing in the COT/- and COT/W/- series were derestricted from time to time in accordance with the regular derestriction procedures applicable to GATT documents. The annual report of the Cotton Textiles Committee was, after derestriction, incorporated in the BISD (i.e. only the part relating to the review).

No derestriction arrangements have yet been made for the present series of textile documents. The reason this matter is being raised at this time is that the Committee might consider it useful to publish in the next BISD, as in the past, the report of the Textiles Committee (COM.TEX/5), in the whole or only the part relating to the annual review.

There exist at present the following series of textile documents:

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| COM.TEX/- | - this series is used basically for reports by the Textiles Committee |
| COM.TEX/W/- | - for working documents for the Textiles Committee |
| COM.TEX/INF/- | - this series has been used, so far, only for lists of delegations |
| COM.TEX/SB/- | - this series is being used for reports by the TSB on its meetings and for various notifications by participating countries after the notification has been examined by the TSB |
| TEX.SB/- and TEX.SB/W/- | - documents and working documents for internal use by the TSB |
| TEX/STAT/- | - this series of documents will be issued for statistical information. |

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It is therefore proposed that all textile documents, with the exception of the internal TSB documents, i.e. TEX.SB/- and TEX.SB/W/- should be derestricted along the following lines:

1. Documents in the COM.TEX/-, COM.TEX/W/-, COM.TEX/SB/-, and COM.TEX/INF/- series are derestricted sixty days after the close of each meeting of the Committee and sixty days after any half year during which no meeting is held. TEX/STAT/- documents are published as unrestricted documents.
2. The secretariat gives advance notice to participating countries of the documents due for derestriction and fixes the date for the derestriction to take place. Any document or part thereof remains restricted at the request of any participating country. A list of newly derestricted documents is issued by the secretariat shortly after each date fixed for derestriction.