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ARTICLE XIX - AUSTRALIA

Action in Respect of Knitted Shirts

The following communication, dated 9 June 1969, has been received from the Government of Australia.

The Australian Government wishes to advise the CONTRACTING PARTIES that in accordance with the provisions of Article XIX of the General Agreement, it intends to impose quantitative restrictions on imports of men's and boys' knitted shirts classified under 60.04.1 and 60.05.4 of the Australian Tariff.

Following a recent inquiry, a Special Advisory Authority appointed under the provisions of the Tariff Board Act found that such action was necessary by reason of increased imports which, if allowed to continue at their present level, could result in serious damage to the domestic industry.

The Authority concluded that because of the variety of styles, qualities, weights, etc., in which the goods could be imported, action could only be taken by means of temporary restriction of the goods.

Inquiries into the situation of the domestic industry are currently being made by the Australian Tariff Board. The temporary import restrictions will be reviewed in the light of the Board's report on its inquiries.

Contracting parties having a substantial interest in the export of these goods to Australia have been advised of the proposed action. The Australian Government is ready to consult under the provisions of paragraph 2 of Article XIX.

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