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Addendum

Polyester Fabrics

TERMINATION OF ACTION

The following communication dated 28 July 1977 has been received from the Permanent Mission of New Zealand.

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I refer to our letters of 3 April and 21 May 1975 in which you were informed of emergency safeguard action on certain polyester fabrics taken by New Zealand in accordance with Article XIX.

These communications were circulated to contracting parties in documents L/4172 and Add.1.

I have now been asked by my authorities to inform you that the Article XIX action was terminated with effect from 18 March 1976. On the basis of recommendations received from the Industries Development Commission the New Zealand Government has made the following decisions relating to polyester fabrics which were the subject of emergency safeguard action:

- (a) the removal of temporary import licensing controls from light-weight polyester fabrics not exceeding 153 g/m<sup>2</sup> (ex tariff items 51.04.063, 56.07.069, 60.01.028, 60.01.029, 60.01.049, 60.01.059), excluding woven continuous filament polyester net;

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- (b) the reconrol under import licensing of the following fabrics, subject at present to temporary control:
- (i) woven continuous filament polyester net, not exceeding 153 g/m<sup>2</sup> (ex tariff items 51.04.063, 51.04.064);
  - (ii) all woven polyester fabrics, subject to emergency safeguard action, exceeding 153 g/m<sup>2</sup> (ex tariff items 51.04.038, 51.04.039, 51.04.064, 51.04.067, 56.07.028, 56.07.029, 56.07.069);
  - (iii) warp knitted curtain fabrics and dress net subject to emergency safeguard action (ex tariff items 60.01.028, 60.01.029, 60.01.049, 60.01.059).

It is intended that the reconrol of the fabrics listed in (b) above should continue until the Government makes decisions on proposals on the permanent form of protection considered appropriate for these goods which will be submitted by the Industries Development Commission as part of the Textile Industry Development Plan that it has been requested to prepare by the Government.

It could be noted that the trade value of items now freed from control, which is estimated to be \$NZ10-15 million, greatly exceeds that of items remaining under control, which is estimated at \$NZ5-10 million. The licence allocation for items remaining under control for the 1977-78 licensing period will be 100 per cent of 1976-77 levels on a volume basis.

I would be grateful if the above could be drawn to the attention of contracting parties.