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Additional Information

A. Policies and Government Measures

As Macao industrial policy has a non-interventionist character, it is not possible to characterize it properly by merely presenting specific measures related to concrete industry sectors.

Government action in this field mainly consists of the improvement of structural conditions for industrial development by overcoming several limitative factors which have discouraged investment.

Among these are elements related to transport and communications, professional training, electricity and water supply, availability of land for the establishment of industrial units, all aspects which show deficiencies and have been responsible for the non-materialization of some industrial projects that would be relevant for the diversification of Macao's industry.

As to the measures capable of exercising a direct effect over the sectorial orientation of investment, there is one which merits reference. This measure excludes from the distribution of free quotas (the parcel of quotas that the Administration reserves for the distribution among the exporters independently of their past performance) for a period of three years, the new enterprises in the textile and clothing sector. This measure favours the diversification of production in this area, and simultaneously works as a deterrent of the growth of the textile industry in its totality. The Government may also grant fiscal or other advantages - for instance, the concession of land on favourable conditions - in the case of industrial projects which have a special interest for Macao's economy. An important criterion of evaluation is the importance of the industrial project in question for the diversification of the Territory's industry.

B. Employment

(number of workers/per day)

Years	Total (1)	Textile and clothing industry (2)	% $\frac{(2)}{(1)}$
1978	37,363	29,817	79.8
1979	39,540	31,122	78.7
1980	47,060	35,876	76.2
1981	53,741	38,163	71.0

Source: Industry Census (1978)-RSE  
Industry Survey (1979, 1980 e 1981)-RSE

C. Evolution of Macao textile exports and their importance in the whole of exports

	1970		1975		1977		1980		1982	
	(10 <sup>6</sup> Ptes)	%	(10 <sup>6</sup> Ptes)	%	(10 <sup>6</sup> Ptes)	%	(10 <sup>6</sup> Ptes)	%	(10 <sup>6</sup> Ptes)	%
Textiles	9.9	3.9	11.5	1.7	32.0	2.6	127.3	4.6	518.5	11.6
Clothing	139.1	54.4	568.4	83.1	1049.4	85.9	2242.7	81.8	2901.5	64.8
Textiles and clothing	149.0	58.3	579.9	84.8	1081.4	88.5	2370.0	86.4	3420.3	76.4
Total	255.8	100.0	683.9	100.0	1221.5	100.0	2742.0	100.0	4478.2	100.0

D. Distribution by sectors of investment in the new industrial establishments

	Textiles		Other sectors		Total
	(10 <sup>3</sup> Ptcs)	%	(10 <sup>3</sup> Ptcs)	%	
1971	6,667.3	78.0	1,879.3	22.0	8,546.8
1972	3,059.2	53.4	2,673.5	46.6	5,732.7
1973	1,506.3	52.2	1,379.0	47.8	2,885.3
1974	9,181.5	96.0	378.0	4.0	9,559.5
1975	7,053.0	72.4	2,688.0	27.6	9,741.0
1976	13,786.05	59.8	9,280.3	40.2	23,066.4
1977	31,922.9	92.0	2,779.0	8.0	34,701.9
1978	30,308.2	70.6	12,594.4	29.4	42,902.6
1979	14,457.0	46.7	16,496.5	53.3	30,953.5
1980	13,083.0	32.8	26,817.9	67.2	39,900.9
1981	12,083.0	33.3	24,165.0	66.7	36,248.0
1982	39,272.2	33.8	76,809.0	66.2	116,081.2

Source: Directorate of Economic Services, Industry Department