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PROTOCOL EXTENDING THE ARRANGEMENT REGARDING  
INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES  
DONE AT GENEVA ON 22 DECEMBER 1981

Status of Acceptances since 20 February 1984  
through 1 July 1984

Addendum

Acceptance by Norway<sup>1</sup>

Further to the acceptances contained in COM.TEX/27 and Addenda 1 to 11, the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles and the Protocol extending it for the period 1 January 1982 to 31 July 1986, was accepted by Norway as of 1 July 1984.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Norway was a participant in the MFA from 1974 to 1977, and did not accept the 1977 Protocol of Extension.

<sup>2</sup>The text of the letter of acceptance, as well as of the letter addressed to the Chairman of the TSB in this connection, are contained in the Annex.

ANNEX

I. Letter to the Director-General, dated 28 June 1984

"I have the honour to inform you of the acceptance from 1 July 1984 by the Norwegian Government of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (MFA) dated 20 December 1973 as extended by the Protocol of 22 December 1981.

Reference is made to the system of global import quotas on various textiles items in force until 30 June 1984 and notified under Article XIX of the GATT. (Documents L/4692 of 24 July 1978, L/4692/Add.1 of 27 November 1978, L/4692/Add.3 of 5 October 1979, L/4692/Add.4 of 28 February 1980, L/4692/Add.5 of 21 November 1980, L/4692/Add.9 of 18 September 1981, L/4692/Add.10 of 2 April 1982, L/4692/Add.12 of 5 August 1982, L/4692/Add.13 of 13 April 1983 and L/4692/Add.16 of 12 December 1983).

This system of global import quotas will gradually be phased out from 1 July 1984. The modalities of the phasing-out programme will be notified to the Textiles Surveillance Body."

II. Letter to the Chairman of the TSB, dated 28 June 1984

"I have the honour to refer to the Norwegian letter of acceptance dated 28 June 1984 on the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (MFA) as extended by the Protocol of 22 December 1981.

Norway will consequently apply the provisions of the MFA and gradually eliminate the system of global import quotas notified under Article XIX of the GATT (GATT documents L/4692 of 24 July 1978, L/4692/Add.1 of 27 November 1978, L/4692/Add.3 of 5 October 1979, L/4692/Add.4 of 28 February 1980, L/4692/Add.5 of 21 November 1980, L/4692/Add.9 of 18 September 1981, L/4692/Add.10 of 2 April 1982, L/4692/Add.12 of 5 August 1982, L/4692/Add.13 of 13 April 1983 and L/4692/Add.16 of 12 December 1983).

All existing quantitative restrictions will be notified to the Textiles Surveillance Body in accordance with Article 2:1 of the MFA.

Prior to 1 July 1984, Norway has initialled bilateral agreements with Czechoslovakia, Hong Kong, Hungary, Macao, Malaysia, the Philippines, Romania, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand. The agreements are intended to become effective from 1 July 1984.

Norway intends to conclude bilateral agreements with a certain number of other suppliers. Negotiations have already been initiated with some of these countries.

For countries previously covered by the Article XIX measures where bilateral agreements can not become effective from 1 July 1984, Norway intends to maintain the existing restrictions as a transitional measure, with reference to Article 2 of the MFA. The intention is to complete the programme of bilateral negotiations so that these residual restrictions may be eliminated within one year after the Norwegian acceptance of the MFA.

The residual quotas will be allotted to the importers on a half-yearly basis, based on their previous import performance with respect to the area covered by the residual restrictions. The intention will be to maintain the present trade level relating to this area during the period when the transitional measures are in force.

The categories previously notified under Article XIX and covered by the transitional measures are the following:

1. knitted shirts, blouses and T-shirts;
2. knitted undergarments;
3. knitted jackets, jumpers, sweaters, cardigans and pullovers;
4. jackets of woven material including parts of suits and sets;
5. trousers of woven material including parts of suits and sets;
6. shirts of woven material;
7. blouses of woven material;
8. bed linen."