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SUB-COMMITTEE ON PROTECTIVE MEASURES
NOTIFICATION OF Gambia PROTECTIVE ACTION
TAKEN AGAINST THEIR IMPORTS BY OTHER COUNTRIES

Protective measures	Country adopting the measures	Details of products covered and tariff line	Nature of protectionist action and the date from which applied	Trade coverage	Remarks
Investigation concerning filed countervailing duty petitions	U.S.	See Annex	Petitions filed July 19 - July 24. Investigations initiated 20 days after the filing of the petitions	See Annex	<p>1. The filing of countervailing duty petitions against imports of textile and textile products from 13 developing countries, non-signatories of the GATT Code on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, and the following investigations by the US administration are the reflection of increased protectionist pressures from the textile industry. Even if the Department of Commerce does not reach an affirmative determination leading to the imposition of countervailing duties, the investigations are in themselves impediments to trade, in view of the harassment, deterring effects and costs involved.</p> <p>2. If, as a result of the investigations, the Commerce Department reaches an affirmative final determination and countervailing duties are imposed, they would constitute trade restrictions additional to those imposed under the MFA and would therefore conflict with Article 9 of the MFA and also violate the provisions of Paragraphs 5 and 23 of the Protocol of Extension of 1981.</p> <p>3. A most serious discrimination against the developing countries is the imposition of countervailing duties without any showing of injury for non-signatories of the Code on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures. This is in flagrant contradiction to the obligations under Article 1 of the GATT.</p> <p>4. The discriminatory character of the petitions filed and of the investigations is also evidenced by their unprecedented scope and intensity covering practically all textile and clothing items exported by 13 developing countries, representing a substantial proportion of their export earnings.</p> <p>5. The investigations violate the commitments taken in the Ministerial Declaration, especially those under Article 7 (i) "... to resist protectionist pressures in the formulation and implementation of national trade policy... and also to refrain from taking or maintaining any measures inconsistent with GATT and to make determined efforts to avoid measures which would limit or distort international trade".</p>

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>YARDS EXPORTED</u>
300-301	Yarns	11,476,337
310	Lisle thread	829,236
312	Corduroy	217,485
313	Sheeting	7,682,988
314	Broadcloth	1,145,972
315	Cloths for printing	919,429
317	Ducks, sateens	3,598,731
318	Yarn-dyed fabrics	-
319	Canvas	106,669
320	Other cloth	2,621,886
363	Towelling and towels	509,040
369	Sewing and weaving thread	326,079
410	Woolen cloth	-
433	Suit-type coats, M and B	163,859
434	Other coats, M and B	1,512
435	Coats, W and G	295,237
436	Dresses, W and G	1,309
442	Skirts	66,293
443	Suits, M and B	121,007
444	Dresses, W and G	255,195
446	Sweaters, W and G	217
447	Men's trousers	1,668
448	Women's trousers	54,710
458	Other woolen apparel	1,665
469	Other woolen manufactures	35
614	Woolen cloth	-
632	Socks	76,383
633	Suit-type coats, M and B	1,196,797
634	Other coats, M and B	539,648
635	Coats, W and G	293,067
636	Women's dresses	96,254

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>YARDS EXPORTED</u>
637	Sports-wear	38,511
638	Men's, knit shirts	178,378
639	Women's, knit vests	34,904
640	Men's, plain woven shirts	294,382
641	Women's plain woven blouses	1,216,129
642	Skirts	78,367
643	Suits, M and B	15,073
644	Women's, tailored suits	1,345,216
647	Trousers, M	277,386
648	Trousers, W	139,355
649	Brassieres	4,962
6501	Dressing gowns	8
651	Nightwear	1,287
652	Underwear	55,845
659	Other wearing apparel	38,819
666	Other furnishings	491,170
669	Other manufactures of man-made fibres	138
331	Gloves and mittens	339
332	Hosiery	1,485
333	Suit-type coats, M and B	112,015
335	Coats, W and G	15,756
336	Women's dresses	87,946
338	Men's knit shirts	153,849
339	Shirts and Sweatshirts, W and G	101,769
340	Men's plain woven shirts	19,726
341	Plain woven blouses	561,502
342	Skirts	31,419
347	Trousers, M and B	503,253
348	Trousers, W and G	233,961
350	Dressing gowns	16,243

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>YARDS EXPORTED</u>
351	Nightwear	178,361
352	Underwear	4,220
359	Other wearing apparel	52,940
360	Pillowcases	199
361	Shorts	74
363	Towels	560,786
369	Other cotton manufactures	542,207