

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

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Textiles Surveillance Body

REPORT OF THE SECOND MEETING (1985)¹

1. The Textiles Surveillance Body held its second meeting of 1985 on 11 and 13 March.
2. Present at this meeting were the following members and/or alternates: Messrs. Cartland/Sun, Hamza, Iversen/MacNeil, Kawaguchi, Keck, Rosselli/Paredes, Salim and Shepherd.
3. The report of the first meeting (1985) has been circulated in COM.TEX/SB/1044.

Notifications under Article 4:4

Finland/Sri Lanka

4. The TSB received a notification from Finland of an extension of its agreement with Sri Lanka. The agreement which covers men's and boys' shirts of cotton or of man-made fibres, has been extended for the period 1 June 1984 to 31 December 1986.
5. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/1045)

EEC/Philippines

6. The TSB received a notification from the EEC of a further modification to its agreement with the Philippines.
7. Under this modification:
 - (a) limits for the 1985 and 1986 agreement years were introduced on corsetry (Category 86) when imported into the United Kingdom;
 - (b) the base level was considerably higher than the reference level and annual growth was set at 5 per cent.
8. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/1046)

¹Hundred and eighty-second meeting overall

United States/Poland

9. The TSB received a notification from the United States of a new bilateral agreement concluded with Poland for the period 1 January 1985 to 31 December 1989.

10. Under this agreement:

(a) aggregate, group and specific limits contained in the previous agreement were maintained;

(b) increases in base levels over previous restraints and growth rates within the agreement were at 6.5 per cent for the aggregate limit, 6 per cent for the group limits and for limits on all non-wool categories except two categories which were at 3 per cent;

(c) increases in base levels and growth rates for limits on wool categories were at 1 per cent;

(d) within the aggregate limit swing is available at 3 to 7 per cent between group limits and at 5 to 10 per cent between specific limits;

(e) carryover and carry forward have been set at 11/6 per cent.

11. Taking into account all the elements contained in this agreement, including those listed in paragraph 10 above, the TSB found that the agreement was consistent with Article 4 of the Arrangement. Bearing also in mind the comments it had previously made with regard to the situation of the wool sector in the United States, the TSB agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/1047)

Sweden/Macao, Sweden/Singapore

12. The TSB continued its review of two notifications received from Sweden of bilateral agreements it concluded with Macao and Singapore.

EEC/China

13. The TSB began its review of a notification received from the EEC of a Supplementary Protocol to the Community's textile trade agreement with China.

Austria/Philippines

14. The TSB received a notification from Austria, made under Article 7, of a bilateral export surveillance system with the Philippines.

15. During its review the TSB noted that imports of woven blouses of man-made fibres or of cotton, previously subject to restraint had been liberalized, and made subject to surveillance and consultation procedures, together with two other products already subject to these procedures.

16. The TSB decided that Article 4 was the Article applicable to this notification, and agreed to transmit it to the Textiles Committee.
(COM.TEX/SB/1048)

Notification under Articles 7 and 8

Canada/Mauritius

17. The TSB received a notification from Canada of a bilateral agreement concerning restraints on sweaters, pullovers and cardigans concluded with Mauritius for the period 25 May 1984 to 31 December 1986.

18. The notification was made in accordance with the request of the Textiles Committee, that agreements concluded with non-participants should be notified, and the TSB agreed to transmit it to participating countries.
(COM.TEX/SB/1049)

Notification under Article 11

Poland

19. The TSB continued its review of the notification received from Poland pursuant to Article 11 of the Arrangement.

Report on action taken under Article 3:5

20. Further to the reports received by the TSB from the United States and the Dominican Republic¹, on their consultations with respect to the measure taken by the United States under Article 3:5 regarding Category 446 (wool sweaters for women, girls and infants), the TSB heard a report from the United States that the measure had expired on 30 January 1985, without being renewed. The TSB did not find it necessary to pursue the matter.

¹See COM.TEX/SB/1005