

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

RESTRICTED

# TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

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## ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

### Notification under Article 2:1

#### Costa Rica

In accordance with its commitment on acceding to the Arrangement, Costa Rica notified the restrictions maintained by it on textile products.

After its review, the TSB concluded that Costa Rica had fulfilled its obligation under Article 2:1, and is transmitting the text of the notification to participating countries for information.

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\* English and Spanish only/Anglais et Espagnol seulement/Inglés y Español solamente

Deputy Minister for Foreign Trade

17 May 1988

Mr. Arthur Dunkel  
Chairman  
Textiles Committee  
GATT - Geneva

Sir,

Pursuant to the commitment undertaken by the Government of Costa Rica when acceding to the Multifibre Arrangement, to provide information on current restrictions in our country on imports of textiles products, I have the pleasure to inform you that there are no non-tariff obstacles or restrictions on imports of such products.

The following taxes are applied to imports:

- The Central American Import Tariff, calculated on an ad valorem basis at a rate ranging from 5 per cent to 65 per cent; the 5 per cent rate applies to raw materials not produced in Central America, and the 65 per cent rate to made-up articles and garments.
- 1 per cent tax on customs value.
- 2 per cent import surcharge (applicable to all products).

With regard to woven fabrics of jute and of other vegetable fibres, a 20 per cent surcharge is applied which will be progressively reduced by 2 per cent every six months until it is totally eliminated in 1992.

Yours sincerely,

Eduardo Alonso  
Ministry of Foreign Trade  
Republic of Costa Rica