

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 11

Report on the Status of Restrictive Measures
as requested by the TSB in accordance with Article 11¹

UNITED STATES

Attached is a report received from the United States on the status of restrictions maintained by it on imports of textile products covered by the Arrangement as extended by the 1986 Protocol. This report has been submitted in accordance with Article 11, paragraphs 11, 12 and 2 of the MFA.²

¹See COM.TEX/SB/1680.

²The previous report is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1549/Add.14.

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United States Trade Representative
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21 July 1992

The Honourable
Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli
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Dear Ambassador Raffaelli,

This responds to your letter requesting information, pursuant to Article 11 of the MFA, on restrictions maintained on trade in textiles by the Government of the United States.

As of this date, the United States has negotiated restrictions on textile products with 35 governments and is maintaining unilateral restraints on products from Myanmar.

Since our last report in 1990, the United States has discontinued seven bilateral agreements: Argentina, East Germany, Japan, Myanmar, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, and Uruguay, and is not currently implementing agreements concluded with governments of the former USSR and Yugoslavia. Six agreements have been added: Colombia, Fiji, Nigeria, Panama, Romania and Thailand.

Enclosed is a table outlining the status of the various agreements as of this date. In some cases, agreements have been negotiated, but formal notes have not been exchanged.

More detailed information will, as necessary to update the TSB's report, be provided separately.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister Counsellor

Enclosure

21 July 1992

UNITED STATES BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENTS

Country	Fibre Coverage	Type	Expiry Date**
1. Bangladesh	C, MMF, N ¹	Article 4 selective	31.1.1995
2. Brazil*	C, W, MMF	Article 4 comprehensive ²	31.3.1994
3. China*	C, W, MMF, N	Article 4 comprehensive	31.12.1993
4. Colombia	C	Article 4 selective	31.12.1993
5. Costa Rica	(a) C, MMF (b) GAL	Article 4 selective	31.5.1993
6. Czechoslovakia	(a) W, MMF	Article 4 selective	31.5.1993
7. Dominican Republic	(a) C, MMF (b) GAL	Article 4 selective+	31.5.1993
8. Egypt	(a) Cotton (b) C, W, MMF	Article 4 selective/ consultation	31.12.1993
9. El Salvador	C	selective	31.12.1992
10. Fiji	C, MMF	selective	31.12.1992
11. Guatemala	C	Article 4+ selective	31.12.1992
12. Haiti	(a) MMF (b) GAL	selective	31.12.1993
13. Hong Kong*	C, W, MMF, N	Article 4 comprehensive	31.12.1995
14. Hungary	C, W, MMF	Article 4 selective	31.12.1993

Country	Fibre Coverage	Type	Expiry Date**
15. India*	C, W, MMF N (Apparel)	Article 4 comprehensive	31.12.1992/93
16. Indonesia	C, W, MMF, N	Article 4 comprehensive	30.6.1994
17. Jamaica	(a) C, W, MMF (b) GAL	Article 4 comprehensive	31.12.1992
18. Korea*	C, W, MMF, N	Article 4 comprehensive	31.12.1993
19. Macau*	C, W, MMF, N	Article 4 comprehensive	31.12.1993
20. Malaysia*	C, W, MMF, N	Article 4 comprehensive	31.12.1992
21. Mauritius	C, W, MMF, N	selective	30.9.1992
22. Mexico	C, W, MMF	Article 4 selective	31.12.1993
23. Nepal	C	selective	31.12.1993
24. Nigeria	C	selective	31.12.1992
25. Pakistan*	C, MMF, N (Apparel)	Article 4 selective	31.12.1992/93
26. Panama	C	selective	31.3.1994
27. Philippines*	C, W, MMF N (Apparel)	Article 4 comprehensive	31.12.1993
28. Poland	C, W, MMF	Article 4 comprehensive+	31.12.1993
29. Romania	(a) C, N (b) W, MMF	Article 4 comprehensive Article 4 comprehensive	31.12.1993 31.12.1993
30. Singapore*	C, W, MMF	Article 4 comprehensive	31.12.1995

Country	Fibre Coverage	Type	Expiry Date**
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31. Sri Lanka	C, W, MMF, N	Article 4 comprehensive+	30.6.1994
32. Taiwan*	C, W, MMF, N	comprehensive	31.12.1995
33. Thailand	C, W, MMF, N	Article 4 comprehensive	31.12.1993
34. Turkey	C, MMF	Article 4 selective	31.12.1993
35. United Arab Emirates	C, MMF	selective	31.12.1993

* Indicates Aggregate Limit or de facto equivalent.

+ Formal Exchange of notes not yet completed.

** NOTE: In some cases some restraints in bilateral agreements may expire on different dates. The date cited is the latest date an agreed restraint expires.

¹C=Cotton; W=Wool; MMF=Man-made fibre; N=New MFA fibres (i.e., vegetable fibres other than cotton and silk blends); GAL=Guaranteed Access Levels under CBI Special Access Programme.

²Article 4, Comprehensive: several of the bilateral agreements identified here as "Comprehensive" have only a few specific limits, but they do all have some type of consultation mechanism covering product categories of the fibres concerned.