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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

HUNGARY

Attached is a report received from Hungary 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/1489/Add.7

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Geneva, 12 November 1992

Mr. Marcelo Raffaelli
Chairman
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Dear Mr. Raffaelli,

Referring to the request for information under Article 11 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles as extended by the 1986 Protocol, I have been instructed to inform you about the following.

As regards the possible application of bilaterally agreed limitations or quotas, there are no changes to be reported compared with previous notifications. Since 1985, with the expiry of a long-term trade agreement between Norway and Hungary, which contained some bilaterally agreed quotas, Hungary has not maintained any such restrictions on imports of textiles and clothing.

Previous Hungarian notifications on bilateral restrictions or quotas could lead the Textiles Surveillance Body to the supposition that Hungary did not maintain any quantitative restrictions on imports of textiles and clothing products. As it is known and has been notified in different instances, Hungary has maintained a global quota on imports of consumer goods already prior to its accession to the General Agreement and this residual element of the import régime is still in place. Certain textiles and clothing products fall within the scope of this global quota. The detailed product list, specified in Hungarian Trade Nomenclature is regularly published in the Official Gazette. The transposition of this list into HS code is under way and is expected to be terminated within soon. A first approximation resulting from this conversion is annexed. As soon as the final list of transposition will be made available, we will share the necessary information with the Textiles Surveillance Body.

Yours sincerely,

András Szepesi
Permanent Representative of
Hungary to GATT

Enclosure

TEXTILES AND CLOTHING PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO
CONSUMER GOODS QUOTA IN HUNGARY

Ex HS Code	Denomination
52.08-52.12	Cotton bedcloth materials
52.08-52.12	Cotton fabric for households
52.08-52.12	Household textiles made of cotton
52.08-52.12	Other cotton fabrics
53.09	Linen bedcloth material
53.09	Linen products for households
53.09	Household textiles made of linen
53.09	Other linen fabrics
53.1100	Hemp products for households
57.0190	Hemp carpet
57.0190	Other bast fibre carpets
51.11; 57.0110; 57.0231-41	Wool and wool-type carpets
57.02541; 57.0291	
50.07	Household textiles made of silk
50.07	Other silk fabrics
56.03	Non-woven textiles
56.03	Non-woven household textiles
56.06	Non-woven blanket materials
57.01	Non-woven carpets
56.03	Other non-woven textiles
Section XI	Other various textiles
Section XI	Other prepared textiles
51.09; 52.07; 54.06; 55.11	Knitting yarn
63.0311; 63.0391	Curtains made of cotton
63.0312; 63.0392	Synthetic curtains
63.0319; 63.0399	Curtains made of other materials
61.01-61.04; 61.06-61.08	Men's, women's boys' and girls'
61.10; 61.12-61.14	outer garments, knitted or crocheted
62.01-62.04	Men's women's boys' and girls'
62.06-63.08; 62.10-62.11	outer garments not specified above
63.02	Ready-made bedclothes
63.01-63.02; 63.04	Ready-made household textiles
62.17; 66.01	
63.06	Tents, tarpaulins
63.09	Second-hand garments

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Geneva, 4 December 1992

Mr. Marcelo Raffaelli
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Dear Mr. Raffaelli,

Referring to my letter of 12 November 1992 on the restrictions applied by Hungary on imports of textiles and clothing products and to the demand of the Textiles Surveillance Body on certain further information on the composition and operation of the global quota on consumer goods, I inform you about the following.

The global quota on consumer goods includes articles, like processed food products, jewellery, footwear, household detergent and textile products. The volume of the quota has been gradually increased. In 1984 the quota stood at US\$ 1000 million, in 1990 US\$ 200 million, while in 1992 it reached US\$ 750 million. Out of this amount one third is assigned to imports of textile products.

The quota is announced semiannually i.e., in two instalments. The quota allocation is based on the order of arrival of applications. The maximum share to be applied for by one importer is also set in range of 5-10 per cent. The reason for such limitation is to allow for cooperation among importers and to avoid the blocking of the quota.

Licences are valid for 120 days. In case product group ceilings are surpassed, there is a possibility to increase such ceiling values at the expense of others, not fully utilized. Applications submitted during the first five working days of the application period are considered equal from the point of view of order of arrival. Should such applications exceed the quota ceiling, the authorities may provide licences for proportionally reduced amounts to the importers.

The transposition of the product list, specified in Hungarian Trade Nomenclature into HS code is under way. It is the intention of the Hungarian authorities to effect this transposition as from 1 January 1993.

Yours sincerely,

András Szepesi
Permanent Representative of
Hungary to GATT