

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification transmitted under Article 4

Rescission of a restraint under the agreement between the United States and Brazil

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from the United States of its decision to revoke the restraint on Category 443 (men's and boys' wool suits). This restraint, introduced under the provisions of the United States/Brazil¹ agreement had been subject to a TSB review under Articles 11:4 and 11:5.

The exchange of letters contained in this notification is being forwarded to participating countries for their information.

¹COM.TEX/SB/1797, 1804 and 1808. See also COM.TEX/SB/1815 and 1857.

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UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
1-3 Avenue de la Paix
1202 Geneva, Switzerland

12 May 1993

Mr. Jose Alfredo Graça Lima
Deputy Permanent Representative
Mission of Brazil
Rue Antoine-Carteret, 33
1202 Geneva

Dear Mr. Graça Lima,

This confirms that, as discussed in the recent consultations between us, my government has decided that, in view of the current situation with respect to imports into the United States of men's and boys' wool suits, the United States will revoke the existing restraint for Category 443 in respect of Brazil.

This action is being undertaken on the understanding that it is without prejudice to either party's positions with respect to questions addressed by the Textiles Surveillance Body in its consideration of this issue, or the rights and obligations of either party under the MFA and the US/Brazil bilateral agreement.

Sincerely,

Robert Shepherd
Minister Counsellor

Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations

17 May 1993

Mr. Robert Shepherd
Minister-Counsellor
Office of the United States Representative
in Geneva
1-3, Avenue de la Paix
1202 Geneva

Dear Mr. Shepherd,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 12 May 1993, whereby you inform me of the United States Government's decision to revoke the existing restraint for Category 443 in respect of Brazil.

2. Please be advised that your communication has been conveyed to the Brazilian authorities in Brasilia who took note of it.

Sincerely,

Jose Alfredo Graça Lima
Deputy Permanent Representative to the GATT

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

25 May 1993

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury,
Washington, DC 20229

Dear Commissioner,

Effective on 2 June 1993, this directive cancels the limit established in the directive issued to you on 12 March 1993, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, for wool textile products in Category 443, produced or manufactured in Brazil and exported during the twelve-month period which began on 1 April 1993 and extends through 31 March 1994. Textile products in Category 443 shall remain subject to the aggregate limit for the 1 April 1993 through 31 March 1994 restraint period.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action fall within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C.553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Rita D. Hayes
Chairman, Committee for the implementation of Textile Agreements
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