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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 in the Article 11, paragraphs 11, 12 and 2 of the MFA.²

See COM. TEX/SB/1910.

²The previous report is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1798/Add.20.

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United States Trade Representative, Geneva

11 August 1994

The Honourable Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade Rue de Lausanne 1211 Geneva

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 40 governments and is maintaining unilateral restraints on products from Myanmar. In addition, the United States negotiated a restraint level with Kenya on two products for which diplomatic notes have not yet been exchanged.

Since our last report in 1992, the United States has allowed three agreements to lapse: El Salvador, Mexico and Nigeria. In addition, our agreement with Czechoslovakia has been continued by its two successor states, the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Eight agreements have been added: Bahrain, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Kuwait, Laos, Lesotho, Oman, Qatar, Slovakia and Uruguay.

Enclosed is a table outlining the status of the various agreements as of this oute. 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,

William Tagliani Attache

11 August 1994

US BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

COUNTRY	FIBRE COVERAGE	<u>TYPE</u>	EXPIRY DATE
1. Bahrain*	C, W, MMF SBOV	comprehensive (for apparel)	31.12.95
2. BANGLADESH	C, MMF, SBOV	Article 4 selective	31.1.95
3. BRAZIL*	C, W, MMF	Article 4#+ Comprehensive	31.3.96
4. Bulgaria	W	selective	31.12.95
5 China	C, W, MMF SBOV	Article 4# comprehensive	31.12.96
6. COLOMBIA	W	Article 4 selective	31.12.95
7. COSTA RICA	C, MMF	Article 4#+ selective	31.12.95
8. CZECH REPUBLIC	W, MMF	Article 4#+ selective	31.5.95
9. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	C, MMF	Article 4#+ selective	31.12.94
10. EGYPT	C, W, MMF	Article 4#+ consultation	31.12.95
11. FLJI	С	Article 4 selective	31.12.94
12. GUATEMALA	С	Article 4 selective	31.12.94
13. HAITI	C, MMF	selective#+	31.12.94
14. HONG KONG*	C, W, MMF, SBOV	Article 4 comprehensive	31.12.95
15 HUNGARY	C, W, MMF	Article 4#+ selective	31.12.95
16. INDIA	C, MMF	Article 4#+ comprehensive	31.12.95

COUNTRY	FIBRE COVERAGE	<u>TYPE</u>	EXPIRY DATE		
17. INDONESIA*	C, W, MMF, SBOV	Article 4 comprehensive	30.6.94		
(Agreement has expired. New agreement is pending)					
18. JAMAICA	C, W, MMF	Article 4#+ comprehensive	31.12.95		
19. KOREA*	C, W, MMF, SBOV	Article 4#+ comprehensive	31.12.95		
20. KUWAIT	C, MMF	selective	31.12.95		
21. Laos	C, MMF	selective	31.12.95		
22. LESOTHO	C, MMF	selective	31.12.94		
23. MACAU*	C, W, MMF, SBOV	Article 4#+ comprehensive	31.12.95		
24. MALAYSIA*	C, W, MMF, SBOV	Article 4 comprehensive	31.12.94		
25. MAURITIUS	C, W, MMF, SBOV	selective#+	31.12.95		
26. Nepal	С	selective#	31.12.97		
27. Oman	C, MMF	selective#	31.12.95		
28. PAKISTAN	C, MMF	Article 4#+ selective	31.12.95		
29. PHILIPPINES*	C, W, MMF, SBOV-APPAREL	Article 4#+ comprehensive	31.12.95		
30. POLAND	C, W, MMF	Article 4#+ comprehensive	31.12.95		
31. Qatar	C, MMF	selective	31.12.95		
32. ROMANIA	C, W, MMF	Article 4#+ comprehensive	31.12.94		
33. SINGAPORE*	C, W, MMF	Article 4 comprehensive	31.12.95		
34. SLOVAK REPUBLIC	W	Article 4#+ selective	31.5.95		
35. SRI LANKA	C, W, MMF, SBOV	Article 4#+ comprehensive	30.6.95		
36. Taiwan*	C, W, MMF, SBOV	comprehensive	31.12.95		
37. THAILAND	C, W, MMF, SBOV	comprehensive#+	31.12.95		
38. TURKEY	C, MMF	Article 4#+ selective	31.12.95		

COUNTRY	FIBRE COVERAGE	TYPE	EXPIRY DATE	
39. UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	C, MMF, SBOV	selective#	31.12.95	
40. URUGUAY	C, W	selective	30.6.94	
(Agreement has expired. New agreement is pending)				

Non-agreement countries subject to call:

Lebanon, MYANMAR, Qatar, EL SALVADOR, KENYA

Visa arrangements only:

JAPAN, MALDIVE ISLANDS, PERU, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

Fibre coverage abbreviations: C = Cotton; W = Wool; MMF = Man-made fibre; SBOV = Silk blends and other vegetable fibres.

The term "comprehensive" means that all products are subject to either a restraint (e.g., specific limit or group limit) or to a consultation mechanism.

^{*}Indicates group and/or aggregate limit. **Bold denotes MFA members**. CAPITAL LETTERS INDICATES SIGNATORY TO THE GATT. # indicates signatory to June, 1993 anti-circumvention amendment. + indicates administrative arrangements have been agreed.