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The tables presented in this document are usually intended to provide delegations with an overview of recent developments in demand, production and trade in textiles and clothing. This year, the need to circulate the statistics earlier than usual has meant that the tables on demand and production have had to be temporarily excluded. They will be issued as an addendum as soon as possible and in any case, not later than the end of the year.

The Secretariat has prepared more detailed statistics on imports and exports of textiles and clothing by origin and destination for all MFA members who report trade data to the United Nations Statistical Division (UNSTAT). These statistics are available to delegations on request.

Symbols and Abbreviations

	break in comparability of data series. Data after the symbol do not form a consistent series with those from earlier years.
...	not available
-	not applicable
0	less than half the unit shown
c.i.f.	cost, insurance and freight
f.o.b.	free on board
P	provisional

Membership of the MFA is as at 16 September 1994. The definitions of textiles and clothing used in the tables should not be considered as an expression of an opinion by the Secretariat regarding the products covered by the MFA.

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Table 1
Major flows in world textile trade, 1993

	Billion dollars	Annual percent change
Intra-developing economies	30.8	8
Developing economies to developed countries	17.9	2
Intra-developed countries a	16.8	-7
Developed countries to developing economies	15.7	-3
 World a	 87.3	 1

Table 2
Area distribution of world textile trade, 1991-1993

	1991	1992	1993
<u>Exports</u>			
World a (billion dollars)	79.2	86.1	87.3
(percentage shares)			
World a	100	100	100
Developed countries a	44	43	41
Western Europe a	27	27	25
North America	8	8	8
Other developed countries	9	9	8
Developing economies	54	55	57
Asia	45	46	49
Latin America	3	3	3
Western Europe	3	3	2
Other developing economies	4	3	3
Economies in transition	2	2	2
<u>Imports</u>			
World a	100	100	100
Developed countries a	45	43	41
Western Europe a	25	23	21
North America	12	12	13
Other developed countries	8	7	7
Developing economies	51	52	54
Asia	31	32	34
Other developing economies	19	20	20
Economies in transition	4	5	5

a Excludes intra-EU trade.

Table 3
Leading MFA importers of textiles, 1991-1993

	Billion dollars	Annual average percent rate of change					
		Dollars			National currencies		
		1993	1991	1992	1993	1991	1992
European Union a	12.56	2	2	...	5	-2	...
Hong Kong b	11.85	19	11	-3	19	10	-3
United States	8.22	9	13	8	9	13	8
China c	7.44	29	10	0	44	14	5
Japan	3.49	5	-1	-10	-2	-7	-21
Canada	2.62	4	4	8	3	9	15
Korea, Rep.	2.34 p	27	6	2	32	13	5
Singapore	1.90 p	7	5	-2	2	-1	-3
Austria	1.61	-5	3	-13	-3	-3	-7
Switzerland	1.50	-11	2	-11	-8	0	-6
Thailand	1.27	12	21	9	12	20	8
Mexico c	1.12 d	26	24	...	35	27	...
Indonesia	1.10	14	25	2	21	30	5
Total of above	56.99	10	7	...	-	-	-

a 1993 figures are incomplete. Imports of Belgium-Luxembourg, Ireland and Denmark are not yet available.

b Includes substantial imports for re-export.

c Includes trade through processing zones.

d 1992 instead of 1993.

Table 4
Leading MFA exporters of textiles, 1991-1993

	Billion dollars	Annual average percent rate of change					
		Dollars			National currencies		
		1993	1991	1992	1993	1991	1992
European Union a	14.85	-1	8	...	2	3	...
Korea, Rep.	8.46 p	20	14	10	24	21	13
China b	7.65	14	12	3	27	16	7
Japan	6.44	12	9	-5	4	2	-17
United States	5.56	12	5	1	12	5	1
Pakistan	3.49	20	12	-2	32	18	10
India	2.64 c	18	19	...	54	35	...
Indonesia	2.61	42	62	-7	50	68	-4
Hong Kong d	1.97	5	-1	-7	5	-1	-7
Switzerland	1.90	-11	2	-15	-8	0	-10
Austria	1.70	-8	6	-13	-5	0	-8
Turkey	1.53	-1	13	-1	59	86	58
Thailand	1.29	24	14	10	24	14	9
Singapore e	1.19 p	21	0	13	15	-6	12
Total of above	61.26	9	11	...	-	-	-

a 1993 figures are incomplete. Exports of Belgium-Luxembourg, Ireland and Denmark are not yet available.

b Includes trade through processing zones.

c 1992 instead of 1993.

d Domestic exports. Re-exports totalled 8.23 billion dollars in 1993.

e Includes re-exports, representing 1.00 billion dollars in 1993.

Table 5

Imports of textiles into the developed members* of the MFA by selected origins, 1991-93

	Million dollars	Percentage of total imports			Rankings		
		1991	1992	1993	1991	1992	1993
WORLD	30880	100.00	100.00	100.00			
All Members	26230	85.14	85.12	84.94			
Developed countries	13647	46.45	45.72	44.19			
Developing economies	12086	37.21	37.73	39.14			
Economies in transition	498	1.47	1.68	1.61			
Non-Members	4448	14.32	14.20	14.40			
Developing economies	3484	11.38	11.05	11.28			
Developed countries	568	2.00	2.09	1.84			
Economies in transition	396	0.94	1.06	1.28			
MFA members							
European Union	5571	19.06	18.63	18.04	1	1	1
China	3095	8.06	8.72	10.02	3	3	2
United States	2830	9.18	8.93	9.16	2	2	3
India	1699	4.54	4.94	5.50	9	5	4
Switzerland	1581	6.00	5.82	5.12	4	4	5
Pakistan	1579	4.98	4.74	5.11	6	7	6
Korea, Rep.	1370	5.15	4.67	4.44	5	9	7
Japan	1366	4.77	4.70	4.42	8	8	8
Austria	1340	4.95	4.89	4.34	7	6	9
Turkey	901	3.45	3.37	2.92	10	10	10
Indonesia	827	1.97	2.42	2.68	11	11	11
Canada	804	1.79	2.05	2.60	13	12	12
Thailand	561	1.54	1.74	1.82	14	14	13
Mexico	484	1.28	1.32	1.57	16	15	14
Brazil	418	1.83	1.77	1.35	12	13	15
Hong Kong	349	1.47	1.29	1.13	15	16	16
Czech Rep.	310	-	-	1.00	-	-	17
Egypt	266	0.96	0.88	0.86	18	18	18
Hungary	131	0.51	0.47	0.42	19	19	19
Finland	111	0.44	0.43	0.36	20	20	20
Philippines	94	0.28	0.28	0.30	24	23	21
Peru	82	0.43	0.36	0.27	21	21	22
Uruguay	75	0.32	0.32	0.24	22	22	23
Colombia	59	0.29	0.21	0.19	23	25	24
Slovak Rep.	57	-	-	0.18	-	-	25
Sri Lanka	55	0.13	0.15	0.18	27	26	26
Bangladesh	51	0.10	0.15	0.16	28	27	27
Norway	46	0.26	0.26	0.15	25	24	28
Singapore	39	0.14	0.13	0.12	26	28	29
El Salvador	22	0.08	0.07	0.07	29	31	30
Costa Rica	22	0.07	0.07	0.07	30	30	31
Guatemala	21	0.07	0.07	0.07	31	29	32
Kenya	8	0.02	0.02	0.02	34	32	33
Macau	5	0.03	0.01	0.01	32	34	34
Jamaica	4	0.01	0.01	0.01	35	35	35
Honduras	2	0.02	0.01	0.01	33	33	36
Panama	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	36	36	37
Fiji	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	37	37	38
fmr Czech and Slovak Fed. Rep.	-	0.96	1.21	-	17	17	-

* 1993 figures exclude the imports of Belgium-Luxembourg, Ireland and Denmark.

Table 6
Major flows in world clothing trade, 1993

	Billion dollars	Annual percent change
Developing economies to developed countries	70.0	6
Intra-developed countries a	13.7	-8
Intra-developing economies	7.6	9
Developed countries to developing economies	6.8	11
World a	106.7	5

Table 7
Area distribution of world clothing trade , 1991-1993

	1991	1992	1993
<u>Exports</u>			
World a (billion dollars)	89.1	102.0	106.7
(percentage shares)			
World a	100	100	100
Developed countries a	22	22	20
Western Europe a	17	16	14
North America	4	5	5
Other developed countries	1	1	1
Developing economies	74	74	75
Asia	59	58	58
Latin America	5	5	6
Western Europe	5	5	5
Other developing economies	6	6	6
Economies in transition	4	4	5
<u>Imports</u>			
World a	100	100	100
Developed countries a	85	83	83
Western Europe a	42	39	37
North America	32	33	34
Other developed countries	11	11	12
Developing economies	12	13	13
Economies in transition	3	4	4

a Excludes intra-EU trade.

Table 8
Leading MFA importers of clothing, 1991-1993

	Billion dollars	Annual average percent rate of change					
		Dollars			National currencies		
		1993	1991	1992	1993	1991	1992
United States	32.95	4	19	8	4	19	8
European Union a	31.53	23	10	...	26	5	...
Japan	11.67	12	22	16	4	15	1
Hong Kong b	11.10	27	21	14	26	21	14
Switzerland	3.17	5	1	-5	8	-1	-1
Austria	2.38	5	7	-4	8	1	1
Canada	2.29	-6	11	3	-8	17	10
Singapore	1.27 p	15	13	13	9	6	12
Norway	1.14	2	12	-13	6	7	-1
Mexico c	1.11 d	38	36	...	48	40	...
Total of above	98.58	13	15	...	-	-	-

a 1993 figures are incomplete. Imports of Belgium-Luxembourg, Ireland and Denmark are not yet available.

b Includes substantial imports for re-export.

c Includes trade through processing zones.

d 1992 instead of 1993.

Table 9
Leading MFA exporters of clothing, 1991-1993

	Billion dollars	Annual average percent rate of change					
		Dollars			National currencies		
		1993	1991	1992	1993	1991	1992
China a	16.82	28	34	9	42	39	14
European Union b	11.39	-4	9	...	-1	4	...
Hong Kong c	9.02	7	3	-7	6	3	-7
Korea, Rep.	5.10	-3	-7	-5	0	-1	-2
United States	4.49	31	30	19	31	30	19
Turkey	3.84	11	26	5	77	108	68
Thailand	3.74	32	1	4	31	1	4
Indonesia	3.41	37	39	10	45	44	13
India	3.02	0	21	13	30	38	33
Singapore d	1.51 p	10	3	-15	4	-3	-15
Bangladesh	1.27	35	32	22	43	41	24
Sri Lanka	1.16 e	23	51	0	27	60	10
Pakistan	1.15	21	16	8	32	22	21
Macau	1.07	-3	8	-8	-3	8	-8
Austria	1.03	2	9	-17	5	3	-13
Total of above	68.01	10	15	...	-	-	-

a Includes trade through processing zones.

b 1993 figures are incomplete. Exports of Belgium-Luxembourg, Ireland and Denmark are not yet available.

c Domestic exports. Re-exports totalled 10.86 billion dollars in 1993.

d Includes re-exports, representing 0.80 billion dollars in 1993.

e 1992 instead of 1993.

Table 10**Imports of clothing into the developed members' of the MFA by selected origins, 1991-1993**

	Million dollars	Percentage of total imports			Rankings		
		1993	1991	1992	1993	1991	1992
WORLD	85655	100.00	100.00	100.00			
All Members	68119	78.21	78.80	79.53			
Developing economies	55212	60.73	62.27	64.46			
Developed countries	11328	15.98	14.70	13.23			
Economies in transition	1579	1.50	1.83	1.84			
Non-Members	17444	21.59	20.98	20.37			
Developing economies	14934	19.45	18.34	17.43			
Economies in transition	2121	1.63	2.14	2.48			
Developed countries	389	0.51	0.50	0.45			
MFA members							
China	16891	15.50	17.45	19.72	1	1	1
Hong Kong	9090	12.55	11.34	10.61	2	2	2
European Union	7301	11.00	9.74	8.52	3	3	3
Korea, Rep.	4845	7.51	6.09	5.66	4	4	4
Turkey	3728	4.16	4.52	4.35	5	5	5
India	2882	2.89	3.10	3.36	6	6	6
Indonesia	2637	2.40	2.92	3.08	8	7	7
Thailand	2144	2.55	2.58	2.50	7	8	8
Philippines	1893	2.21	2.17	2.21	9	9	9
United States	1734	1.76	1.89	2.02	10	10	10
Bangladesh	1617	1.46	1.75	1.89	11	11	11
Mexico	1417	1.23	1.41	1.65	15	12	12
Sri Lanka	1375	1.20	1.37	1.61	16	13	13
Macau	1057	1.39	1.37	1.23	14	14	14
Pakistan	961	1.02	1.09	1.12	17	18	15
Hungary	887	0.96	1.09	1.04	18	17	16
Austria	862	1.44	1.36	1.01	12	15	17
Singapore	851	1.42	1.28	0.99	13	16	18
Costa Rica	689	0.62	0.73	0.80	20	19	19
Guatemala	577	0.48	0.57	0.67	23	22	20
Canada	539	0.40	0.50	0.63	25	23	21
Honduras	534	0.28	0.47	0.62	28	24	22
Czech Rep.	465	-	-	0.54	-	-	23
Switzerland	465	0.67	0.62	0.54	19	21	24
Jamaica	457	0.41	0.45	0.53	24	25	25
Colombia	368	0.34	0.41	0.43	26	26	26
Japan	318	0.49	0.41	0.37	22	27	27
Egypt	304	0.25	0.28	0.36	29	29	28
Brazil	302	0.34	0.35	0.35	27	28	29
El Salvador	261	0.13	0.21	0.30	32	30	30
Slovak Rep.	227	-	-	0.27	-	-	31
Peru	147	0.16	0.16	0.17	31	31	32
Finland	94	0.18	0.15	0.11	30	32	33
Fiji	59	0.04	0.05	0.07	35	35	34
Panama	53	0.09	0.07	0.06	33	33	35
Uruguay	36	0.07	0.06	0.04	34	34	36
Kenya	36	0.01	0.03	0.04	37	36	37
Norway	16	0.03	0.03	0.02	36	37	38
fmr Czech and Slovak Fed. Rep.	-	0.55	0.73	-	21	20	-

* 1993 figures exclude the imports of Belgium-Luxembourg, Ireland and Denmark.

Explanatory Notes

1. Definitions

A) Trade

Textiles - SITC division 65. Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products. Excluding yarns and fabrics other than cotton, wool and man-made fibres; bags and sacks of textile materials; floor coverings of vegetable plaiting materials.

Clothing - SITC division 84. Excluding clothing of leather, rubber and fur.

Valuation of exports is f.o.b.; imports are valued c.i.f., with the exception of Canada and the former Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, for which imports are expressed in f.o.b. values.

Data for the European Union EXCLUDE intra-trade. The aggregate has been derived from the addition of individual member States' data which are not strictly comparable with regard to definitions of trade (special or general), and of countries of origin (provenance) and destination.

B) Country groupings

Developed countries

of which:

(i) MFA Members.

European Union (Belgium-Luxembourg, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom), the United States, Canada, Japan, Austria, Finland, Norway and Switzerland. Beginning in 1991, the German figures refer to the combined trade of the two former German Republics.

(ii) Non-members.

Iceland, Sweden, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

Developing economies

of which:

(i) MFA Members.

Turkey, Egypt, Kenya, Bangladesh, China, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong, the Republic of Korea, Macau, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines, Fiji, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Peru and Uruguay.

(ii) Non-members.

Countries and territories in North America, Latin America, Western Europe (including Romania), Africa, Middle East and Asia, not elsewhere specified.

Economies in transition

of which:

(i) MFA Members.

The Czech Republic, Hungary and the Slovak Republic.

(ii) Non-members.

Albania, Bulgaria, Poland, the former German Democratic Republic (up to and including 1990), and the former USSR (up to and including 1991). For reasons of statistical convenience, the former USSR is replaced by the Russian Federation and "other former USSR" (comprising the 11 republics and the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania) beginning in 1992.

Breaks in the comparability of the time series as a consequence of German unification for the following country groupings occur between 1991 and earlier years: European Union (reporter as well as partner), MFA members, MFA non-members, Developed countries, Developed members (reporter as well as partner), Economies in transition (total and non-members).

Membership of the MFA is as at 16 September 1994. In tables 5 and 10 and in all the Appendix tables, the inclusion of the former Czech and Slovak Federal Republic under MFA members is strictly for the purpose of statistical comparison over the period under consideration.

2. Sources

The principal source of the trade data for individual MFA members is the UNSTAT Comtrade data base. However, with a view to providing as much up to date information as possible some data on total trade in textiles and clothing have been estimated by the Secretariat on the basis of national trade returns and trading partner statistics.

The tables on world trade (numbers 1, 2, 6 and 7) are derived from the Secretariat's world trade network, adjusted to the country groupings used in this report. The product definitions are not, however, fully comparable to the product definitions mentioned above. An explanation of the methodology behind this network is contained in the Technical Notes to the Appendix of "International Trade Statistics" 1993.

3. Data limitations

The bulk of the available data on trade flows is expressed in current dollars. Data in this form are obviously inadequate for a thorough analysis of trade developments between different countries and groups of countries. Moreover, the general practice of presenting value data in US dollars has introduced significant "valuation effects" into the data for a number of trading countries. (Compare, for example, annual growth rates in textile and clothing imports in dollars and national currencies in Tables 3 and 8). However, as explained in previous reports, the statistical difficulties associated with progressing from current values to deflated values, or volume figures are so acute that the value data remain the only relatively reliable and comparable statistics on trade in textiles and clothing.

On 1st January 1993, changes in the methods of collecting European Union merchandise trade statistics were introduced following the abolition of customs formalities between EU Member States. Due to problems encountered in implementing the new system, delays have occurred in the transmission of merchandise trade data for inclusion in the UNSTAT Comtrade data base. This has meant that the 1993 EU trade figures shown in Tables 3 to 5, 8 to 10 and Appendix Tables 2 to 5 are incomplete as figures for Belgium-Luxembourg, Ireland and Denmark are not yet available. When 1993 figures for all EU members are received, revised tables will be circulated. Tables 1, 2, 6 and 7 are derived from the Secretariat's global trade estimates. EU trade statistics play a key rôle in compiling these estimates. Incompleteness of the 1993 figures has resulted in an increase in the margin of error in the 1993 world trade estimates.

APPENDIX TABLES

TABLE 1
TRADE IN TEXTILES AND CLOTHING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ARRANGEMENT, 1989 TO 1993
(Million dollars)

	EXP	TEXTILES					CLOTHING				
		1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
Thailand	EXP	705	828	1025	1174	1289	2343	2683	3535	3586	3737
	IMP	764	863	967	1167	1270	10	23	29	32	35
Indonesia	EXP	816	1222	1736	2804	2606	1140	1631	2229	3093	3411
	IMP	485	758	865	1077	1101	7	11	17	16	13
Philippines	EXP	81	85	127	120	116	552	654	...	808	825
	IMP	455	549	...	653	727	10	10	...	19	26
Fiji	EXP	1	1	1	1	...	67	78	91	78	...
	IMP	52	62	71	63	...	8	9	11	8	...
Brazil	EXP	777	704	777	937	855	264	236	174	331	388
	IMP	156	212	257	225	375	31	52	62	35	47
Colombia	EXP	115	132	172	176	203	316	447	562	430	515
	IMP	50	74	84	164	283	17	19	26	44	50
Costa Rica	EXP	18	24	25	25	...	58	54	52	69	...
	IMP	76	82	80	101	...	13	16	14	20	...
El Salvador	EXP	43	37	38	60	...	10	11	15	25	...
	IMP	26	26	28	36	...	4	5	8	9	...
Guatemala	EXP	21	33	35	42	...	20	21	23	21	...
	IMP	44	35	39	52	...	10	5	9	15	...
Honduras	EXP	5	5	8	9	...	12	8	11	16	...
	IMP	28	25	26	31	...	29	24	26	34	...
Jamaica	EXP	1	1	2	—	...	111	83	86
	IMP	68	60	50	—	...	88	86	89
Mexico c	EXP	...	426	468	505	—	—	633	815	980	...
	IMP	...	719	905	1119	—	—	587	812	1105	...
Panama	EXP	2	2	2	3	1	18	16	20	22	21
	IMP	45	62	64	74	77	13	70	63	74	77
Peru	EXP	198	219	209	—	121	88	118	130	...	156
	IMP	18	17	46	—	34	0	1	8	...	9
Uruguay e	EXP	75	84	80	287	243	104	81	90	103	79
	IMP	28	32	41	51	87	3	7	12	26	47

* Estimates based on national trade returns.

** Estimate based on partners' trade returns.

a 1993 data do not include the trade of Belgium-Luxembourg, Ireland and Denmark.

b Beginning in 1991, Hungary introduced the special trade system and started collecting data from customs declarations.

c Includes trade through processing zones.

d Imports include substantial imports for re-exports.

e Textile data from 1989 to 1991 exclude wool tops.

Note: Data for the period covered in this table are not available for the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic.

Sources: UNSTAT, Comtrade data base; national statistics, Secretariat estimates.

