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ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Request for consultation by Norway to Malaysia

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from Norway of a request for consultation made to Malaysia in accordance with the consultation provisions of their Article 4 bilateral agreement, with a view to establishing a restraint on category 70.¹

The TSB is transmitting this notification to MFA participants for their information.

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¹The bilateral agreement and its extensions and amendments are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1437, 1592, 1754 and 1932.

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ROYAL MINISTRY OF
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Dear Mr. Ambassador,

Pursuant to Article 4 of the Arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles as extended, I am pleased to notify the Textiles Surveillance Body of the automatic introduction of a restraint for products under category 70 in accordance with the provisions of the current bilateral textile Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Norway and the Government of Malaysia.

The following background can be given at the present stage. On 10 November 1994 Norway requested consultations in order to establish a restraint level for fishing nets. Consultations took place in Kuala Lumpur from 9 December 1994, as proposed by Malaysia.

Article 6(c) of the bilateral agreement Norway/Malaysia provides for the automatic introduction of a restraint for the products concerned during a 90 days consultation period at "a level no greater than 35 per cent of the amount entered into Norway, or 30 per cent of the amount exported from Malaysia, whichever is higher, during the latest 12 months prior to the month in which the request for consultations was made."

During the consultations it was agreed that the 12 month period referred to above, was 1 November 1993 to 31 October 1994. The level of imports recorded into Norway during that period was 37.949 kgs. The 35 per cent restraint level is accordingly 13.282 kgs for the consultation period.

Yours sincerely

(signed)
Otto Wentzel
Head of Division