

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## ARTICLE XIX - ACTION BY NORWAY

### Various Textile Items

The following communication dated 20 July 1978 has been received from the Permanent Mission of Norway

I have been instructed to inform you that the Government of Norway wishes to inform the CONTRACTING PARTIES, that it has decided to invoke Article XIX and is preparing introduction of global import quotas on various textile items. The restrictions will cover the following items:

1. Knitted shirts, blouses and T-shirts
2. Knitted undergarments
3. Knitted jackets, jumpers, sweaters, cardigans and pullovers
4. Jackets of woven material
5. Trousers of woven material
6. Outer garments of woven material for infants
7. Shirts of woven material
8. Blouses of woven material
9. Bed linen

The detailed modalities of implementation of these measures are still being considered, and other items may be included.

This action is being taken under the provisions of Article XIX of the General Agreement on the grounds that the above-mentioned items were being imported in such increased quantities and under such conditions as to cause or threaten serious injury to domestic producers.

The Government of Norway is prepared to enter into consultations on request under Article XIX:2 with contracting parties having a substantial interest in products concerned.

A further communication setting out the detailed modalities of application will be sent to the secretariat of the GATT for information of the CONTRACTING PARTIES as soon as possible.

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