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COMMUNICATION FROM THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

Jute Products

Revision

The following communication, dated 23 June 1980, has been received from the delegation of the European Communities.

In pursuance of GATT/AIR/1629 of 24 April 1980 and of the provisions of paragraph 3 of the understanding regarding notification, consultation, dispute settlement and surveillance (L/4907), the following notification is hereby communicated:

The agreements formerly in effect between the European Economic Community (EEC) on the one hand and India and Bangladesh on the other hand regarding trade in jute products, in force since 1 January 1976, expired on 31 December 1979. In order to determine an import régime to be applicable for the products concerned from 1 January 1980, the EEC has negotiated with each of those two countries a new agreement¹ of four years' duration providing inter alia for:

- voluntary restraint on exports by these two countries of certain jute products, at agreed levels;
- suspension by the EEC for the duration of the agreement of all existing quantitative restrictions on imports of jute products subject to voluntary restraint;
- maintenance of total suspension of duties under the common customs tariff for all jute products, in the context of the EEC offer in respect of generalized tariff preferences;
- a commitment to eliminate all quantitative restrictions applicable on imports into the EEC of jute products originating in and coming from India and Bangladesh, as from 1 January 1984.

It is understood that this notification would of itself be without prejudice to views on the consistency of measures with or their relevance to rights and obligations under the General Agreement.

¹The official text of these agreements will be published shortly in the Official Journal of the European Communities.