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AGREEMENT ON TEXTILES AND CLOTHING

Notification under Article 2.15

NORWAY

The Textiles Monitoring Body has received a notification from Norway pursuant to paragraph 15 of Article 2.

The TMB is circulating this notification to WTO Members for their information, pursuant to paragraph 15 of Article 2.

Permanent Mission of Norway
Geneva

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Notification of Early Elimination of Quotas

In order to contribute to the objective of the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC) of further liberalization of trade, and pursuant to the ATC with particular reference to Article 2, paragraph 15, most of the remaining restraints will be eliminated in two steps. All Members directly concerned have already been notified directly.

A. The restrictions to be eliminated from the end of this year are the following:

The quota on product category 1 (woven jackets) will be rescinded in respect of the Czech Republic, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, Romania, Singapore, the Slovak Republic, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

The restraint for product category 2 (woven trousers) will be rescinded in respect of Hong Kong and Macau.

The restraint for product category 7 (bed linen) will be rescinded in respect of the Czech Republic, Hong Kong, Hungary, Indonesia, Korea, Macau, Malaysia, the Philippines, Poland, Romania, Singapore, the Slovak Republic, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

The restraint for product category 70 (fishing nets) will be rescinded in respect of Poland and Romania.

B. With effect from the end of 1998 the following quotas will be eliminated:

Product category 1 (woven jackets) in respect of Hong Kong and Macau.

Product category 7 (bed linen) in respect of India and Pakistan.

Product category 70 (fishing nets) in respect of Korea.

C. In its notification under Article 2, paragraph 1 of the ATC, Norway included 54 restrictions in respect of WTO Members. Of these restrictions, 14 have earlier been rescinded. The result of the present notification will be the elimination of an additional 32 quotas and 5 quotas under A and B, respectively, by the end of this year and by the end of next year.

Norway requests that this notification is circulated to all WTO Members.

Yours faithfully,

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