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AGREEMENT ON TEXTILES AND CLOTHING

Notification under Articles 2.8(b) and 2.11

ARGENTINA

Addendum

The Textiles Monitoring Body has received a further notification from Argentina pursuant to Articles 2.8(b) and 2.11.

The TMB, in accordance with Article 2.11, is circulating this notification to WTO Members.

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Permanent Mission of Argentina
to the International Economic Organizations
in Geneva (WTO, WIPO, UNCTAD)

Geneva, 9 February 2001

Mr. András Szepesi
Chairman
Textiles Monitoring Body
World Trade Organization
Geneva

In response to your note of 26 January 2001, I have the pleasure of communicating the following information:

1. The six-digit tariff lines identified in the Argentine notification as "HS line according to ATC Annex" will be integrated in their totality. The product description of these lines is that contained in the Annex to the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC).
2. Regarding the reason for integrating tariff line 6502.00, described in the Annex to the ATC Agreement as "Hat-shapes, plaited or made by assembling strips of any material", in the "fabrics" group, the explanation is as follows:

Just as it is not possible to establish rigid criteria governing the designation "fabrics", which must remain highly versatile in view of the individual and collective use that needs to be covered by the term, nor does the ATC explicitly distinguish the product included in heading 6502.00 as not having the characteristic of a "fabric". We submit that this tariff line includes a fabric in that the product in question is a plaited product of any raw material that is neither blocked to shape nor with made brims, turned, lined or trimmed. In this case, plaiting means the interweaving or interlacing of yarns, string, straw etc. to form braids, fabrics, matting, and the like.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)
Alberto J. Dumont
Minister
Alternative Permanent Representative
