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## AGREEMENT ON TEXTILES AND CLOTHING

Notification under Article 2.1

Notification under Article 3.1

TURKEY

Addendum

The Textiles Monitoring Body has received a notification from Turkey pursuant to Articles 2.1 and 3.1.

The TMB, in accordance with Articles 2.2 and 3.5, is circulating this notification to WTO Members for their information.

Permanent Mission of Turkey  
to the World Trade Organization

Geneva, 24 April 2002

Dear Ambassador Szepesi,

With reference to your letter of 27 February 2002 requesting clarification about Turkey's notifications, following China's accession to the WTO, of the restrictions it maintained on imports from that Member of the products falling under the coverage of the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (G/TMB/N/422 and G/TMB/N/423), I am pleased to attach herewith our replies.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)  
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**Concerning the Notification of quantitative restrictions maintained by Turkey under Article 2(1) of the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, please find below the following remarks:**

Turkey can confirm that it has notified the restrictions applied on certain textile and clothing products taken over from its bilateral agreement with China that was in force on the day before the accession (10 December 2001) pursuant to Article 2.1 of the ATC (G/TMB/N/422) for the products covered by MFA Agreement. Turkey made its notification under the Article 2.1, in conjunction with its parallel implementation with the EU. Within the provisions of the Customs Union and the Decision 1/95 of the Association Council, Turkey was required to apply the quantitative restrictions as part of the common regulation of commerce of the Turkey-EC Customs Union on imports of certain textile products which the EC maintained pursuant to the ATC. The quantitative restrictions that were notified under the Article 2.1, which was in force on the day prior to China's accession to the WTO have been implemented as of 1 January 1996 with the creation of Customs Union.

Turkey can inform that the categories that were integrated under the Stages 1 and 2 on 11 December 2001 were cat. 19 and 76. The categories that were integrated under the Stage 3 on 1 January 2002 were cat. 10, 18, 21, 24, 32, 33, 37, 37A, 68, 73. The Table of Annex I to this letter outlines the quotas that are in force on 1 January 2002.

With respect to the quota "growth-on-growth" provisions stipulated in paragraphs 13 and 14 of Article 2 of the ATC, Turkey increased the growth rate on the remaining restraint levels with China by 25 per cent and then by 27 per cent on 1 January 2002.

As to category 33, Turkey can inform the provision of the validity of the quantitative limits also for re-export outside the customs area of the Turkey-EC Customs Union is only valid for this category.

Similarly, Turkey confirms that 40 per cent of transfer possible between categories 2 and 3, indicated in the footnote to category 2 in Annex I Part 1, is correct. But it can be granted following consultations between the two countries. Therefore, Column 5 of the Table in Annex I to this note is also correct since 40 per cent is an exceptional condition.

Turkey can inform that the correct wording for the flexibility provisions in force is found in the last indent under the heading "Direct quantitative limits" in Annex II, as also mentioned in Column 9. The wording of Group IV in column 7 should therefore be corrected (see Annex II to this Note).

Turkey can inform that the maximum increase in any category indicated in Column 8 of the Table in Annex I is rectified within the provisions of ATC Article 2.16 (see Annex II to this Note).

**Concerning the Notification of quantitative restrictions maintained by Turkey under the Article 3.1 of the ATC, please find below the following remarks:**

Turkey can confirm that it has notified the quantitative restrictions taken over from its previous bilateral agreement with China to the TMB maintained under the non-MFA Agreement at the levels specified for the year in which China accedes to the WTO. As a result, Turkey has included in the notification all restrictions that were in force on 10 December 2001.

On the day of accession, Turkey integrated in total 11 categories (ex 13, ex 24, ex 39, 123, 124, 125A, 126, 127A, 127B, 140 and 151B) (see Annex III to this letter). On 1 January 2002, another 8 categories (ex 18, 120, 125B, 145, 146A, 146B, 160 and 161) were integrated. These 19 integrated categories are reflected in the Notification Annex I, Part I, as having been phased-out "following accession". Turkey intends to "phase-out" the restrictions on all remaining products no later than 1.1.2005.

Finally, Turkey also confirms that the growth rates noted in Annex I, Part 1 and 2 apply to the remaining quantitative restrictions in 2002-2004.

## ANNEX I

COUNTRY	CATEGORY	UNIT	2002 QUOTA LEVEL
CHINA	GROUP IA		
	1	Tonnes	629
	2	Tonnes	7 582
	Of which 2A	Tonnes	1 612
	3	Tonnes	4 820
	Of which 3A	Tonnes	764
	GROUP IB		
	4	1 000 pieces	821
	5	1 000 pieces	320
	Of which 5A	1 000 pieces	32
	6	1 000 pieces	273
	7	1 000 pieces	93
	8	1 000 pieces	121
	GROUP IIA		
	9	Tonnes	130
	20/39	Tonnes	251
	22	Tonnes	5 626
	23	Tonnes	1 742
	GROUP IIB		
	12	1 000 pairs	3 431
	13	1 000 pieces	1 161
	14	1 000 pieces	43
	15	1 000 pieces	104
	16	1 000 pieces	34
	17	1 000 pieces	48
	26	1 000 pieces	219
	28	1 000 pieces	399
	29	1 000 pieces	45
	31	1 000 pieces	714
	78	Tonnes	110
	83	Tonnes	30
	GROUP IIIB		
	97	Tonnes	30
	GROUP V		
	163	Tonnes	43

**NON-MFA PRODUCTS**

<b>CHINA</b>	<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>UNIT</b>	<b>2002 QUOTA LEVEL</b>
	<b>GROUP I</b>		
	Ex 20	Tonnes	6,2
	<b>GROUP IV</b>		
	115	Tonnes	39,1
	117	Tonnes	97,1
	118	Tonnes	29
	122	Tonnes	5,5
	<b>GROUP V</b>		
	136A	Tonnes	25,5
	156	Tonnes	16
	157	Tonnes	81,6
	159	Tonnes	27,6

**ANNEX II**

1. COUNTRY	2. Advance utilisation	3. Carry- over	4. Transfers from cat 1 to cats 2 and 3	5. Transfers between cats 2 and 3	6. Transfers between cats 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	7. Transfers from Groups I, II, III to Groups II, III	8. Maximum increase in any cat.	9. Additional conditions
China	1%	3%	1%	4%	4%	6%		Further amounts may be authorised by Turkey up to a maximum of: Column 2: 5% Column 3: 7% With regard to column 7, transfers from Groups I, II, and III may only be made into Groups II and III.

**ANNEX III**

The following table shows the categories for which quotas were removed on 11 December.

<b>CHINA</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Phase-out</b>
	19	Following accession
	76	Following accession
	126	Following accession
	Ex 13	Following accession
	Ex 24	Following accession
	Ex 39	Following accession
	123	Following accession
	124	Following accession
	125 A	Following accession
	127 A	Following accession
	127 B	Following accession
	140	Following accession
	151 B	Following accession

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