

Textiles Monitoring Body

REPORT OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH MEETING

1. The Textiles Monitoring Body held its thirty-fifth meeting on 21 to 24 July 1997.
2. Present at this meeting were the following members and/or alternates: Mrs. Berrig/Mr. Tadpitakkul; Mrs. Canabady; Messrs. Da Costa; Kim/Tong; Kobayashi; Malik; Mukerji/Shahin; Richards/Babajide; Tagliani; Urkan/Varga; Wentzel/Saint-Jacques.
3. The TMB adopted the report of its thirty-fourth meeting (G/TMB/R/33).

Honduras/United States: Imports of Women's Wool Coats and Jackets (US Category 435)

4. The TMB reverted to the matter raised by Honduras in its communication under Articles 8.6 and 8.7, as agreed at its thirty-fourth meeting (G/TMB/R/33, paragraph 11). The TMB had invited the participation of both Honduras and the United States to its review. Honduras decided to participate in the meeting.
5. The TMB considered a further communication from the United States according to which the United States, having received and reviewed data related to category 435 along with all other information related to this case, had decided to rescind the restraint on imports of products of US category 435 from Honduras, the subject of an Article 6 agreement with Honduras, on 30 September 1997. The TMB heard a statement by Honduras according to which it welcomed this decision by the United States. At the same time, Honduras also noted the commercial loss it had experienced in this product since 1995.
6. The TMB, recalling its review during its twenty-ninth meeting of the communication of Honduras (G/TMB/R/28, in particular paragraph 12), took note of the US' communication and of the statement by Honduras.

Verification of the Statistical Information Provided by the Members Pursuant to Articles 2.6 , 2.7(a) and (b), 2.8(a) and 2.11, Following the Review by the TMB of the Systemic Problem Identified by Colombia (G/TMB/R/29, Paragraphs 43 to 45).

7. The TMB had a follow-up discussion on this matter which led to a conclusion according to which, in principle, all the Members which had notified integration programmes may be affected by technical problems resulting essentially from the non-availability of statistical information corresponding to the precise product descriptions contained in the Annex to the ATC, independently of whether or not they had included "ex HS items" in their respective integration programmes for Stage 1 and/or Stage 2. This resulted from the fact that in quantifying and notifying the total volume of 1990 imports each Member concerned had to include the relevant data related to the "ex HS lines" defined in the Annex to the ATC. Therefore, the TMB decided to request that all Members which had submitted integration programmes, including those which had not as yet included in such programmes "ex HS items", ascertain whether the statistical data counted in calculating the total volume of the Member's

1990 imports of the products in the Annex referred to the whole HS lines, or only to that portion of those HS lines which was covered by the ATC. The TMB expected that Members would report to it on the outcome of such verification.

1997 Comprehensive Report under Article 8.11 of the ATC

8. The TMB finalized and adopted its Comprehensive Report on the implementation of the ATC during its first stage, to be transmitted to the Council for Trade in Goods in the context of the major review envisaged in Article 8.11 of the ATC (G/L/179). It considered in this context communications received from the European Community and the United States in response to questions put by the TMB in the context of the preparation for the report.