
Textiles Monitoring Body

REPORT OF THE FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING

1. The Textiles Monitoring Body held its forty-eighth meeting on 16 September 1998.
2. Mr. Dimitrij Grčar (Slovenia) was appointed member as of 9 September 1998 to replace Mr. Jean-Daniel Rey (Switzerland). Mr. Grčar appointed Mr. Didier Chambovey (Switzerland) as his first alternate and Mr. Ali Urkan (Turkey) as his second alternate.
3. Present at this meeting were the following members and/or alternates: Messrs. Babajide; Da Costa/Grané; Grčar; Khalil/Mukerji; Kim; Kobayashi; Tadpitakkul/Hastjarjo; Tagliani; Wentzel/Moroz.
4. The TMB adopted the report of its forty-seventh meeting (G/TMB/R/46).

Notification under Articles 2.6 and 2.7(b) of the ATC: Communications Received in Response to Questions Put by the TMB

5. The TMB took note of communications by Sri Lanka (G/TMB/N/145/Add.1, Corr.1 and Corr.2), in which it responded to questions put by the TMB with a view to verifying whether the statistical information provided regarding integration referred, where appropriate, to those portions of the HS lines covered by the ATC and not to the entire respective HS 6-digit lines (G/TMB/R/29, paragraphs 43 to 45). In these communications, Sri Lanka stated that it had included four products which were not wholly covered by the ATC in its first stage integration programme. Therefore, another product had been added to the first stage integration programme, so that even if the value of the four categories in questions were to be deducted, the value of the products integrated would still be above the requirement defined in Article 2.6. As a result of this addition, integration for Stage 1 amounted to 16.47 per cent of the value of Sri Lanka's 1990 imports of the products covered by the ATC. Furthermore, with regard to the fact that the calculation of the share of the products integrated had been made on a value basis, the TMB also ensured that no better data were available.

Notification under Articles 2.8(a) and 2.11 of the ATC

6. The TMB reviewed pursuant to Article 2.21 the notification made under Articles 2.8(a) and 2.11 by Indonesia (G/TMB/N/234, Corrs. 1 and 2). During this review, the TMB noted that in accordance with Article 2.8(a) the volume of the products integrated amounted to 17.00 per cent of the volume of imports in 1990 of the products falling under the coverage of the Agreement. The TMB also noted that, in accordance with Article 2.8(a), the products integrated included products from each of the four groups: tops and yarns, fabrics, made-up textile products and clothing.

Notification under Article 6.1 of the ATC

7. The TMB took note of the notification made pursuant to Article 6.1 by Panama that it wished to avail itself of the transitional safeguard mechanism (G/TMB/N/337).

Communication Received from Haiti

8. The TMB took note of a communication received from Haiti according to which "the Haitian Government no longer applies restrictions of any kind on imports of textiles and clothing and therefore wishes to be considered to have brought this trade under the multilateral disciplines in accordance with Article 2.9" of the ATC (G/TMB/N/322).

Communication Pursuant to Article 8.9 of the ATC

9. The TMB took note of a communication made by Colombia pursuant to Article 8.9, following the recommendation adopted by the Textiles Monitoring Body at its forty-seventh meeting¹, according to which Colombia had annulled the resolution imposing a transitional safeguard measure on imports of denim (tariff subheading 5209.42.00.00) from Brazil and India (G/TMB/N/338).

Observations with Respect to Late Notifications

10. With respect to notifications addressed to the TMB after the respective deadlines foreseen in the ATC, the TMB reiterated that its taking note of late notifications was without prejudice to the legal status of such notifications.

¹G/TMB/R/46, paragraph 16