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AGREEMENT ON TEXTILES AND CLOTHING

Notification under Articles 2.8(b) and 2.11

TURKEY

Addendum

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

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

Permanent Mission of Turkey
to the World Trade Organization

Geneva, 26 March 2001

Dear Ambassador Szepesi,

With reference to your letter of 30 January 2001 requesting clarification about Turkey's notification on the third stage integration list under Articles 2.8(b) and 2.11 of the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, I am pleased to attach herewith our replies.

Yours sincerely,

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Question No. 1

The TMB observed that Turkey's Stage 3 integration programme contains two products belonging to HS lines in the Annex to the ATC for which only part of the respective line falls under the coverage of the Agreement, i.e. ex HS 6405 20 and ex HS 9404 90. The TMB asks for receiving clarification as to whether the 1990 imports that have been counted in respect of these "ex HS lines" correspond precisely to the product description contained in the ATC Annex for the respective line, including information on the manner in which Turkey had ensured that this was the case.

Explanation about ex HS 6405.20:

This ex item is described in the Annex of ATC as follows:

<u>HS No.</u>	<u>Product Description</u>
ex 6405.20	Footwear with soles and uppers of wool felt

While the definition and the breakdown related to this ex item in Turkish Classification on which 1990 import data were based are below:

<u>HS No.</u>	<u>Product Description</u>
6405.20	Other footwear with uppers of textile materials - A. With uppers of wooden or cork - B. With uppers of other materials

The 1990 Turkish import data for the said ex item goes into the detail of up to sub-item "HS 6405.20-B. With uppers of other materials" indicated above, which does not allow any further distinction whether soles and uppers of footwear are of **wool felt or any other textile materials**.

The percentage of this sub-item in total Turkish 1990 textile and clothing imports subject to integration is so insignificant (0.0464 per cent) that, even assuming zero percentage for the ex-item in question does not alter practically the 3rd Stage integration level of Turkey (42.4 per cent). As a matter of fact, this ex-item was included as a result of designing Turkey's integration programme in parallel with that of the EU for the consistency of the Customs Union between them.

Explanation about ex HS 9404 90:

The ATC definition of this ex item is:

<u>HS No.</u>	<u>Product Description</u>
ex 9404.90	- Pillow and cushions of cotton; quilts; eiderdowns; comforters and similar articles of textile materials

While the definition and the breakdown related to this ex item in Turkish Classification on which 1990 import data were based is below:

<u>HS No.</u>	<u>Product Description</u>
4-digit level	6-digit level
9404	Mattresses, mattress supports, sleeping bags, pillows, cushions, quilts etc.
	9404.10 Mattress supports
	9404.21 Mattresses of caoutchouc or plastics
	9404.29 Mattresses of other material
	9404.30 Sleeping bags
	9404.90 Others:
	- A. Those filled with feather
	- B. Those filled with others (than feather)

The 1990 import figure for the corresponding ATC ex-item subject to the integration programme was taken as that of sub-item "9404.90-B. – Those filled with others (than feather)" above.

Although this is not a perfect match corresponding to the ATC ex-item, it is the best possible match.

Again, as in the previous case, the volume percentage of this sub-item in total Turkish 1990 imports of ATC products is 0.0029 per cent. Therefore, even assuming zero percentage for the ex-item in question does not change the 42.4 per cent integration level of Turkey for the 3rd Stage. This ex-item was also included as a result of designing Turkey's integration programme in parallel with that of the EU for the consistency of the Customs Union between them.

Question No. 2

TMB observed that Turkey has chosen, in most cases, to integrate product according to product categories. For the sake of transparency, the TMB would appreciate receiving a correlation between the product categories notified by Turkey and the HS classification as it appears in the Annex to the ATC.

The categories that are subject to 3rd Stage integration and HS items falling into these categories are presented below in table form:

CATEGORY	HS LINE	UNIT	QUANTITY	SHARE (%)
10	6111.10	kg.	97	
10	6111.20	kg.	1,050	
10	6111.30	kg.	1,000	
10	6111.90	kg.	130	
10	6116.10	kg.	1,167	
10	6116.91	kg.	137	
10	6116.92	kg.	17	
10	6116.93	kg.	90	
10	6116.99	kg.	254	
TOTAL CATEGORY			3,942	0.0015
18	6207.11	kg.	99	
18	6207.19	kg.	458	
18	6207.21	kg.	35	
18	6207.22	kg.	0	
18	6207.29	kg.	0	
18	6207.91	kg.	531	
18	6207.92	kg.	13	
18	6207.99	kg.	17	
18	6208.11	kg.	4	
18	6208.19	kg.	0	
18	6208.21	kg.	0	
18	6208.22	kg.	558	
18	6208.29	kg.	0	
18	6208.91	kg.	414	
18	6208.92	kg.	8,213	
18	6208.99	kg.	1,465	
TOTAL CATEGORY			11,807	0.0044
21	6201.12	kg.	26,196	
21	6201.13	kg.	663	
21	6201.91	kg.	1,304	
21	6201.92	kg.	530	
21	6201.93	kg.	209	
21	6202.12	kg.	2,976	
21	6202.13	kg.	13,678	
21	6202.91	kg.	1,919	
21	6202.92	kg.	211	
21	6202.93	kg.	20	
21	6211.32	kg.	623	
21	6211.33	kg.	4,269	
21	6211.42	kg.	37	
21	6211.43	kg.	448	
TOTAL CATEGORY			53,083	0.0198
24	6107.21	kg.	225	
24	6107.22	kg.	29	

CATEGORY	HS LINE	UNIT	QUANTITY	SHARE (%)
24	6107.29	kg.	269	
24	6107.91	kg.	70	
24	6107.92	kg.	232	
24	6107.99	kg.	42	
24	6108.31	kg.	792	
24	6108.32	kg.	1,332	
24	6108.39	kg.	24	
24	6108.91	kg.	570	
24	6108.92	kg.	180	
24	6108.99	kg.	285	
TOTAL CATEGORY			4,050	0.0015
27	6104.51	kg.	2,285	
27	6104.52	kg.	1,423	
27	6104.53	kg.	14	
27	6104.59	kg.	15	
27	6204.51	kg.	1,308	
27	6204.52	kg.	405	
27	6204.53	kg.	60	
27	6204.59	kg.	164	
TOTAL CATEGORY			5,674	0.0021
32	5801.10	kg.	14,696	
32	5801.21	kg.	117,219	
32	5801.22	kg.	214,993	
32	5801.23	kg.	5,916	
32	5801.24	kg.	14,950	
32	5801.25	kg.	40,125	
32	5801.26	kg.	950	
32	5801.31	kg.	53,323	
32	5801.32	kg.	1,971	
32	5801.33	kg.	8,597	
32	5801.34	kg.	1,138	
32	5801.35	kg.	37,155	
32	5801.36	kg.	1,717	
32	5802.20	kg.	0	
32	5802.30	kg.	13	
TOTAL CATEGORY			512,763	0.1911
33	6305.31	kg.	90,446	
TOTAL CATEGORY			90,446	0.0337
34	5407.20	kg.	965,835	
TOTAL CATEGORY			965,835	0.3600
36	5408.10	kg.	122,137	
36	5408.21	kg.	366,934	

CATEGORY	HS LINE	UNIT	QUANTITY	SHARE (%)
36	5408.22	kg.	174,269	
36	5408.23	kg.	52,283	
36	5408.24	kg.	32,516	
36	5408.32	kg.	29,277	
36	5408.33	kg.	42,847	
36	5408.34	kg.	30,420	
36	5811.00	kg.	18,608	
TOTAL CATEGORY			869,291	0.3240
37	5516.11	kg.	2,611,115	
37	5516.12	kg.	128,792	
37	5516.13	kg.	26,113	
37	5516.14	kg.	16,489	
37	5516.21	kg.	170,314	
37	5516.22	kg.	50,905	
37	5516.23	kg.	55,612	
37	5516.24	kg.	3,414	
37	5516.31	kg.	35	
37	5516.32	kg.	12,886	
37	5516.33	kg.	0	
37	5516.34	kg.	138	
37	5516.41	kg.	6,628	
37	5516.42	kg.	13,930	
37	5516.43	kg.	3,958	
37	5516.44	kg.	4,503	
37	5516.91	kg.	2,400	
37	5516.92	kg.	8,187	
37	5516.93	kg.	27,773	
37	5516.94	kg.	14,756	
37	5803.90	kg.	592	
TOTAL CATEGORY			3,158,540	1.1771
38A	6002.43	kg.	140,840	
38A	6002.93	kg.	99,630	
TOTAL CATEGORY			240,470	0.0896
40	6303.91	kg.	15,662	
40	6303.92	kg.	4,782	
40	6304.92	kg.	0	
40	6304.93	kg.	0	
TOTAL CATEGORY			20,444	0.0076
42	5401.20	kg.	6,435	
42	5403.10	kg.	1,878,365	
42	5403.20	kg.	30,159	
42	5403.39	kg.	0	
42	5403.41	kg.	4,504	
42	5403.42	kg.	1,029	

CATEGORY	HS LINE	UNIT	QUANTITY	SHARE (%)
42	5403.49	kg.	49,318	
42	5604.20	kg.	6,214	
TOTAL CATEGORY			1,976,024	0.7364
43	5204.20	kg.	92,026	
43	5207.10	kg.	3,402	
43	5207.90	kg.	1,169	
43	5401.10	kg.	213,822	
43	5406.10	kg.	10,081	
43	5406.20	kg.	436	
43	5508.20	kg.	235	
43	5511.30	kg.	159,375	
TOTAL CATEGORY			480,546	0.1791
47	5106.10	kg.	215,738	
47	5106.20	kg.	355,050	
47	5108.10	kg.	14,606	
TOTAL CATEGORY			585,394	0.2182
48	5107.10	kg.	181,732	
48	5107.20	kg.	41,373	
48	5108.20	kg.	7,369	
TOTAL CATEGORY			230,474	0.0859
49	5109.10	kg.	0	
49	5109.90	kg.	4,418	
TOTAL CATEGORY			4,418	0.0016
53	5803.10	kg.	37,492	
TOTAL CATEGORY			37,492	0.0140
54	5507.00	kg.	100,628	
TOTAL CATEGORY			100,628	0.0375
55	5506.10	kg.	149,776	
55	5506.20	kg.	2,482,238	
55	5506.30	kg.	2,558,006	
55	5506.90	kg.	255,257	
TOTAL CATEGORY			5,445,277	2.0294
56	5508.10	kg.	414,296	
56	5511.10	kg.	455	
56	5511.20	kg.	1,666	
TOTAL CATEGORY			416,417	0.1552

CATEGORY	HS LINE	UNIT	QUANTITY	SHARE (%)
59	5702.10	kg.	38,319	
59	5702.31	kg.	7,964	
59	5702.32	kg.	25,479	
59	5702.41	kg.	32,156	
59	5702.42	kg.	14,206	
59	5702.51	kg.	0	
59	5702.52	kg.	2,768	
59	5702.91	kg.	0	
59	5702.92	kg.	41,695	
59	5703.10	kg.	12,379	
59	5703.20	kg.	228,557	
59	5703.30	kg.	196,697	
59	5703.90	kg.	17,028	
59	5704.10	kg.	0	
59	5704.90	kg.	7,191	
TOTAL CATEGORY			624,439	0.2327
60	5805.00	kg.	14,425	
TOTAL CATEGORY			14,425	0.0054
62	5606.00	kg.	43,465	
62	5804.10	kg.	57,217	
62	5804.21	kg.	84,722	
62	5804.29	kg.	8,125	
62	5804.30	kg.	480	
62	5807.10	kg.	36,256	
62	5808.10	kg.	3,755	
62	5808.90	kg.	14,725	
62	5810.10	kg.	32,973	
62	5810.91	kg.	4,465	
62	5810.92	kg.	13,863	
62	5810.99	kg.	43,963	
TOTAL CATEGORY			344,009	0.1282
63	5906.91	kg.	3,643	
63	6002.10	kg.	22,506	
63	6002.30	kg.	137,567	
63	6001.10	kg.	37,748	
63	6002.20	kg.	16,584	
TOTAL CATEGORY			218,048	0.0813
66	6301.10	kg.	347	
66	6301.20	kg.	7,283	
66	6301.30	kg.	90	
66	6301.40	kg.	9,187	
TOTAL CATEGORY			16,907	0.0063

CATEGORY	HS LINE	UNIT	QUANTITY	SHARE (%)
68	6209.10	kg.	10	
68	6209.20	kg.	3,184	
68	6209.30	kg.	5	
68	6209.90	kg.	3,193	
TOTAL CATEGORY			6,392	0.0024
73	6112.11	kg.	2,867	
73	6112.12	kg.	2,255	
73	6112.19	kg.	369	
TOTAL CATEGORY			5,491	0.0020
93	6305.20	kg.	102	
93	6305.39	kg.	10	
TOTAL CATEGORY			112	0.0000
95	5602.21	kg.	2,117	
95	5602.90	kg.	187,022	
95	5807.90	kg.	1,453	
95	6210.10	kg.	3,283	
TOTAL CATEGORY			193,875	0.0723
98	5905.00	kg.	18,597	
TOTAL CATEGORY			18,597	0.0069
101	5607.90	kg.	24,251	
TOTAL CATEGORY			24,251	0.0090
109	6306.11	kg.	0	
109	6306.12	kg.	19,377	
109	6306.19	kg.	6,472	
109	6306.31	kg.	2,918	
109	6306.39	kg.	1,603	
TOTAL CATEGORY			30,370	0.0113
112	6307.20	kg.	1,268	
112	6307.90	kg.	71,606	
TOTAL CATEGORY			72,874	0.0272
113	6307.10	kg.	13,304	
TOTAL CATEGORY			13,304	0.0050

CATEGORY	HS LINE	UNIT	QUANTITY	SHARE (%)
114	5902.10	kg.	210,214	
114	5902.20	kg.	197	
114	5902.90	kg.	101	
114	5908.00	kg.	24,032	
114	5909.00	kg.	89,198	
114	5910.00	kg.	40,515	
114	5911.10	kg.	74,526	
114	5911.20	kg.	49,569	
114	5911.31	kg.	41,936	
114	5911.32	kg.	82,712	
114	5911.40	kg.	3	
114	5911.90	kg.	142,207	
TOTAL CATEGORY			755,210	0.2815
120	6303.99	kg.	14,801	
120	6304.19	kg.	77,010	
120	6304.99	kg.	60	
TOTAL CATEGORY			91,871	0.0342
123	6214.90	kg.	19,810	
TOTAL CATEGORY			19,810	0.0074
125A	5402.41	kg.	1,069,659	
125A	5402.42	kg.	3,893,892	
125A	5402.43	kg.	2,208,137	
TOTAL CATEGORY			7,171,688	2.6728
125B	5404.10	kg.	300,341	
125B	5404.90	kg.	297,030	
125B	5604.90	kg.	2,734	
TOTAL CATEGORY			600,105	0.2236
127A	5403.31	kg.	8,444,628	
127A	5403.32	kg.	63,088	
127A	5403.33	kg.	803,363	
TOTAL CATEGORY			9,311,079	3.4701
127B	5405.00	kg.	3,447	
TOTAL CATEGORY			3,447	0.0012
129	5110.00	kg.	3,586	
TOTAL CATEGORY			3,586	0.0013

CATEGORY	HS LINE	UNIT	QUANTITY	SHARE (%)
131	5308.90	kg.	0	
TOTAL CATEGORY			0	0.0000
133	5308.20	kg.	0	
TOTAL CATEGORY			0	0.0000
135	5113.00	kg.	1,753	
TOTAL CATEGORY			1,753	0.0007
137	5801.90	kg.	11,696	
137	5806.10	kg.	1,782	
TOTAL CATEGORY			13,478	0.0050
138	5311.00	kg.	45,737	
TOTAL CATEGORY			45,737	0.0170
139	5809.00	kg.	2,462	
TOTAL CATEGORY			2,462	0.0009
140	6001.29	kg.	112	
140	6001.99	kg.	0	
140	6002.49	kg.	51,081	
140	6002.99	kg.	2,299	
TOTAL CATEGORY			53,492	0.0199
141	6301.90	kg.	2,195	
TOTAL CATEGORY			2,195	0.0008
142	5702.39	kg.	0	
142	5702.49	kg.	1,030	
142	5702.59	kg.	0	
142	5702.99	kg.	6,614	
142	5705.00	kg.	202,669	
TOTAL CATEGORY			210,313	0.0784
144	5602.29	kg.	85,456	
TOTAL CATEGORY			85,456	0.0318
145	5607.30	kg.	13,443	
TOTAL CATEGORY			13,443	0.0050

CATEGORY	HS LINE	UNIT	QUANTITY	SHARE (%)
146A	5607.21	kg.	20	
TOTAL CATEGORY			20	0.0000
146B	5607.29	kg.	347,443	
TOTAL CATEGORY			347,443	0.1295
146C	5607.10	kg.	5	
TOTAL CATEGORY			5	0.0000
151A	5702.20	kg.	1,455	
TOTAL CATEGORY			1,455	0.0005
152	5602.10	kg.	65,545	
TOTAL CATEGORY			65,545	0.0244
160	6213.10	kg.	8	
TOTAL CATEGORY			8	0.0000
161	6201.19	kg.	427	
161	6201.99	kg.	20	
161	6202.19	kg.	238	
161	6202.99	kg.	0	
161	6203.19	kg.	417	
161	6203.29	kg.	254	
161	6203.39	kg.	102	
161	6203.49	kg.	1,724	
161	6204.19	kg.	606	
161	6204.29	kg.	264	
161	6204.39	kg.	249	
161	6204.49	kg.	23	
161	6204.69	kg.	964	
161	6205.90	kg.	2,432	
161	6206.90	kg.	898	
161	6211.20	kg.	5,733	
161	6211.39	kg.	2,773	
161	6211.49	kg.	1,370	
TOTAL CATEGORY			18,494	0.0069
124	5501.10	kg.	190,810	
124	5501.20	kg.	80,175	
124	5501.30	kg.	31,658,141	
124	5501.90	kg.	1,013,391	
124	5503.10	kg.	1,215,925	
124	5503.20	kg.	23,111,646	

CATEGORY	HS LINE	UNIT	QUANTITY	SHARE (%)
124	5503.30	kg.	19,797,554	
124	5503.40	kg.	802,493	
124	5503.90	kg.	126	
TOTAL CATEGORY			77,870,261	29.0209
	ex 6405.20	kg.	124,488	0.0464
	ex 6601.10	kg.	94,141	0.0351
	ex 8708.21	kg.	43,223	0.0161
	ex 9404.90	kg.	7,912	0.0029
1990 TOTAL IMPORTS :	268,324,457	kg.	113,754,229	42.3942