

**Textiles Monitoring Body**

**NOTIFICATIONS AND INFORMATION SOUGHT FROM WTO MEMBERS IN THE  
CONTEXT OF THE PREPARATION OF THE TEXTILES MONITORING  
BODY'S COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION  
OF THE AGREEMENT ON TEXTILES AND CLOTHING DURING  
THE THIRD STAGE OF THE INTEGRATION PROCESS**

To assist the Council for Trade in Goods (CTG) in its major review to be conducted before the end of the third stage of the integration process of the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), the Textiles Monitoring Body (TMB) shall, at least five months before the end of this stage (i.e. on 30 July 2004 at the latest), submit to the CTG a comprehensive report on the implementation of the ATC during the third stage (2002-2004), in particular in matters with regard to the integration process, the application of the transitional safeguard mechanism, and relating to the application of GATT 1994 rules and disciplines as defined in Articles 2, 3, 6 and 7 respectively (Article 8.11 of the ATC).

For this purpose, the TMB has decided to remind Members of some of the notification requirements contained in the ATC and also to seek additional information, observations and comments from them which they consider to be relevant in the context of the TMB's preparation of its comprehensive report.

The TMB, therefore, invites Members to submit notifications or information, as appropriate, in particular regarding the implementation by Members during the third stage of the provisions of the ATC in relation to:

- Small suppliers, new entrants in the field of textiles and clothing trade and least-developed country Members (Article 1.2 and related provisions);
- cotton-producing exporting Members (Article 1.4);
- developments in allowing for continuous autonomous industrial adjustment and increased competition in the Members' markets (Article 1.5);
- Article 3.3 which states that "... Members shall provide to the TMB, for its information, notifications submitted to any other WTO bodies with respect to any new restrictions or changes in existing restrictions on textile and clothing products taken under any GATT 1994 provisions, within 60 days of their coming into effect.";
- Article 7.1, with special regard to Article 7.2 which provides that "Members shall notify to the TMB the actions referred to [in Article 7.1] which have a bearing on the implementation of this Agreement. To the extent that these have been notified to other WTO bodies, a summary, with reference to the original notification, shall be sufficient to fulfil the requirements under this paragraph."

In addition, any information, comments or observations, as appropriate, Members may wish to bring to the TMB's attention regarding the implementation of the provisions of Article 2, including measures that have a bearing on such implementation (e.g. the non-application or the suspension of

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application of restrictions to imports from certain WTO Members and the increase in certain restraint levels, other than pursuant to the provisions related to growth and flexibility) would be appreciated.

Observations related to the application of the transitional safeguard mechanism (Article 6), as well as information and comments with regard to the implementation of Articles 4 and 5 might also be useful.

Members' views and comments with regard to the implementation of Article 8, including aspects relating to the functions and work carried out by the TMB, would also be appreciated.

The notifications, information and comments, as appropriate, should be submitted to the TMB in time for them to be taken into consideration in the preparation of its comprehensive report, and **not later than 16 April 2004**.

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