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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

establishing, pursuant to Article 1(7) of

Council Regulation 3030/93, the list of textiles and clothing products to be integrated into GATT 1994 on 1.1.1998 and amending Annex X to Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3030/93 and Annex II to Council Regulation (EC) No. 3285/94.

(presented by the Commission)

## Explanatory Memorandum

1. The integration process under the normal rules of the GATT 1994 under the provisions of the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing

Under Article 2 of the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC) of the World Trade Organisation (WTO), which is applicable to the so-called MFA restrictions, all WTO Members are obliged, over the ten year transition phase, to progressively remove textiles and clothing products from the coverage of the specific, transitional rules of the ATC, and to integrate them into the normal rules and disciplines of the GATT 1994. Once a product has been 'integrated' it is neither possible to maintain the existing quantitative restrictions nor to invoke the specific safeguard provisions of the ATC in order to reintroduce quantitative restrictions on that product.

Under Article 2(8) of the ATC, the integration is to be accomplished, at the latest, according to the following timetable: products accounting for not less than 16% of the total volume of each WTO Member's 1990 imports of the products covered by the ATC had to be integrated on 1/1/95 (the first stage of integration); not less than 17% are to be integrated on 1/1/98 (the second stage); not less than 18% are to be integrated on 1/1/2002 (the third stage); the remaining products are to be integrated on 1/1/2005 (the fourth and final stage). The products to be integrated must consist of products from each of the following four groups: tops and yarns, fabrics, made-up textile products, and clothing.

Under Article 2(11), the list of products to be integrated must be notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body (TMB) at least 12 months in advance of the date provided for their integration. Therefore the decision on what products should be integrated during the second stage must be taken by the Council and notified to the TMB before 1/1/97.

The present proposal aims (a) to identify the products to be integrated into the normal rules of the GATT 1994 with effect from 1/1/98; (b) to remove these same products from the coverage of the Council Regulation (EEC) 3030/93 which sets out the rules applicable to imports of textiles products covered by agreements, protocols or arrangements[1] and (c) to insert these same products into the Community regulation which governs the import regime applicable to products originating in countries which are members of the WTO and which are not covered by a specific import regime[2] .

2. Commission approach to integration

The Commission has publicly invited all interested parties to submit their ideas on which products should be integrated[3] . Responses have been received from many different sources including industry, importers and retailers as well as certain supplier countries. Whilst the positions presented in these submissions vary to a great degree, and are in

[1] Annex X of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3030/93
[2] Annex II of Council Regulation (EC) No. 3285/94
[3] OJ No. C 81 of 19/3/96

certain cases contradictory, the Commission has attempted to take these views into full account when formulating its proposal.

The United States have already submitted their list of textiles and clothing products for all three stages of ATC integration. The list demonstrates that a large majority of products will be maintained under quantitative restrictions until the end of the ATC integration period.

For the reasons indicated below the Commission believes that it is important that the Community should not leave the removal of existing restrictions until the last possible moment and while the list of products covered by the Community's first stage of integration did not include any which were covered by bilateral quotas, for the second stage of integration the Commission has adopted a different approach while at the same time ensuring that the process will be progressively undertaken in a manner which is largely acceptable for industry. In reality, Community industry has already made and continues to make important efforts to restructure and modernise. Taking this into account, as well as the various other factors governing the evolution of the sector, this proposal has been made in such a way as to minimise the risk of negative consequences on production and employment, at both the European and the regional levels.

3. Analysis of existing restrictions and selection of products for integration

In preparation for the Second Stage of integration the Commission has undertaken a thorough analysis of the Community's present quota system and while many quotas continue to offer effective protection for Community industry it is equally apparent that there are some other quotas which appear to serve little economic use.

The reasons for this are that the world of international textiles trade has changed very significantly since the establishment of the Multi-Fibre Arrangement (MFA) in the early 1970's while at the same time the structure of domestic production has also altered. For example, many former suppliers have diversified away from textiles production while political initiatives mean that other major suppliers such as Turkey (and associated Central and Eastern European countries by 1 January 1998) enjoy unrestricted access to the EU market.

In addition it must be borne in mind that the accelerated growth rates of the ATC will have rendered or will render some quotas redundant before the end of the 10 year integration period.

In selecting the products for the second stage of ATC integration the Commission has been guided by a number of factors: the sensitivity of the product for the Community industry and its regional components particularly in terms of economic competitiveness and the employment situation, the ability of Community industry to adjust to increased competition in products which currently are subject to quantitative restrictions; the desire to encourage industrial adjustment at an acceptable pace throughout the ten year transition period, which will partly occur through the increased growth rates applicable to quotas; the impact on consumers; the impact on third countries; and the opportunity to simplify the Community import regime for textiles and clothing products.

In addition to the other factors, the Commission paid close attention to the effectiveness of overall quota protection. Effectiveness was evaluated on a category by category basis by looking at the following factors, namely the level of imports covered by quotas compared to the total levels of imports, and the levels of quota utilisation by supplier countries.

If swimwear (textiles category 72) is taken as an example, the Community has only one restriction which is against Hong Kong. However, Hong Kong is no longer the major supplier of these goods with imports from Hong Kong representing 11% of total Community imports. In addition, Hong Kong only uses less than half of its possible quota. These factors have led the Commission to propose that this category should be integrated.

On the basis of this analysis it was concluded that 24 categories of product should be proposed for integration. The list of these categories is reproduced in Annex 1 of this draft Regulation. Taken together these categories represent 17.83% of 1990 imports for EU-15.

In accordance with Article 2(8) of the ATC the Community's Stage II proposal includes products from the following four groups: tops and yarns (categories 41, 46, 124, 126), fabrics (categories 50, 61, 65, 96, 100), clothing (categories 10, 67, 70, 72, 74, 77, 86, 87, 88), and made-ups (categories 58, 84, 90, 91, 110, 111).

5 of the 24 categories proposed for integration are not presently covered by any form of restriction but the other 19 categories are covered by a total of 51 bilateral restrictions. 17 of these restrictions are maintained against WTO suppliers and these would be removed as from 1 January 1998, as a result of the second stage of ATC integration taking effect[4] .

The Community currently has an ongoing market access dispute with Argentina concerning imports into Argentina of textiles and clothing originating in the European Community. In the opinion of the Commission Argentina is in breach of its Uruguay Round market access commitments. The proposal to integrate products falling under category 46 into the normal rules of the GATT 1994 has been made on the assumption that before 29 November 1996 the dispute with Argentina will be solved to the complete satisfaction of the Commission.

4. Customs Union with Turkey

Under the terms of the EC-Turkey Customs Union Turkey has committed itself to aligning itself to the EC's commercial policy. One consequence of this agreement is that Turkey will be required to integrate the same products as the Community for the second stage of integration (this already occurred for the first stage). The combined EU-15 + Turkey integration proposal results in a Stage II figure of 18.78% of 1990 imports.

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[4] A further 5 restrictions are accounted for by the Central and Eastern European Countries (which under the provisions of the Europe Agreements will be quota free by 1.1.1998) and 29 are restrictions against non-WTO members (and will remain in force as long as these are not removed through bilateral negotiations or until the respective countries join the WTO)

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Having regard to the treaty establishing the European Community and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to Article 1(7) of Council Regulation (EEC) 3030/93 Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3030/93[1] , as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) 3053/95[2],

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the European Community has concluded the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organisation, (hereinafter referred to as the 'WTO')[3] to which is attached the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (hereinafter referred to as the 'ATC');

Whereas under Article 2(8)(a) and (11) of the ATC, the Community is obliged on the one hand to integrate on 1 January 1998 products which in 1990 accounted for not less than 17% of the total volume of 1990 imports into the Community of all textiles and clothing products covered by the ATC into the normal GATT rules and disciplines; and on the other hand, to notify the list of such products to the Textiles Monitoring Body of the WTO before 1 January 1997;

Whereas, in selecting the products to be integrated the Council has been guided by a number of factors including the sensitivity of the product for the Community industry and its regional components particularly in terms of economic competitiveness and the employment situation, the effectiveness of any quantitative restrictions on the product, the ability of Community industry to adjust to increased competition in products which currently are subject to a quantitative restriction with one or more supplier country, the desire to encourage industrial adjustment at an acceptable pace throughout the ten year transition period, the impact on consumers; the impact on third countries; and the opportunity to simplify the Community import regime for textile and clothing products;

Whereas account has been taken in this respect of the submissions received from interested parties who responded to the Commission's invitation for such submissions published in the Official Journal of the European Communities[4] ;

Whereas the list of products contained in Annex X to Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3030/93, has to be amended to exclude the products to be integrated on 1 January 1998;

Whereas the list of textiles and clothing products which are governed by the normal GATT rules and disciplines, contained in Annex II to Council Regulation (EC) No.

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[1] OJ No L 275, 8.11.1993, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 323, 30.12.1995, p. 1.
[3] OJ No L 336, 23.12.1994, p. 3
[4] OJ No C 81, 19.3.1996

3285/94[5] , as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) 139/96[6] , has to be amended to include, as of 1 January 1998, the products to be integrated under the normal rules of GATT,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION

Article 1

1. The products to be integrated under the normal rules of GATT 1994, as of 1 January 1998, are listed in Annex I of this Regulation.

2. Annex X to Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3030/93 is replaced by Annex 2 to this regulation, as of 1 January 1998.

3. Annex II to Council Regulation (EC) No. 3285/94 is replaced by Annex 3 to this regulation, as of 1 January 1998.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the Official Journal.

The Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 1996

For the Council

[5] OJ No L 349, 31.12.1994, p. 53.
[6] OJ No L 21, 27.1.1996, p. 7

**List of textiles and clothing products to be integrated into the normal GATT 1994 rules (Second stage)**

| CATEGORY | DESCRIPTION[1] |
|---|---|
| 10 | Gloves, mittens and mitts, knitted or crocheted |
| 41 | Yarn of synthetic filament (continuous), not put up for retail sale, other than non textured single yarn untwisted or with a twist of not more than 50 turns/m |
| 46 | Carded or combed sheep's or lamb's wool or other fine animal hair |
| 50 | Woven fabrics of sheep's or lamb's wool or of fine animal hair |
| 58 | Carpets, carpentines and rugs, knotted ( made up or not) |
| 61 | Narrow woven fabrics, and narrow fabrics (bolduc) consisting of warp without weft, assembled by means of an adhesive, other than labels and similar articles of category 62<br>Elastic fabrics and trimmings (not knitted or crocheted), made from textile materials assembled from rubber thread |
| 65 | Knitted or crocheted fabric, other than those of categories 38 A and 63, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres |
| 67 | Knitted or crocheted clothing accessories other than for babies; household linen of all kinds, knitted or crocheted; curtains (incl. drapes) and interior blinds, curtain or bed valances and other furnishing articles knitted or crocheted; knitted or crocheted blankets and travelling rugs, other than knitted or crocheted articles including parts of garments or of clothing accessories |
| 70 | Panty-hose and tights of synthetic fibres, measuring per single yarn less than 67 decitex (6,7 tex)<br>Women's full length hosiery of synthetic fibres |
| 72 | Swimwear, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres |
| 74 | Women's or girl's suits and ensembles, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres, excluding ski suits |
| 77 | Ski suits, other than knitted or crocheted |
| 84 | Shawls, scarves, mufflers, mantillas, veils and the like other than knitted or crocheted, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres |
| 86 | Corsets, corset-belts, suspender belts, braces, suspenders, garters and the like, and parts thereof, whether or not knitted or crocheted |
| 87 | Gloves, mittens and mitts, not knitted or crocheted |
| 88 | Stockings, socks and sockettes, not knitted or crocheted; other clothing accessories, other than for babies, other than knitted or crocheted |
| 90 | Twine, cordage, ropes and cables of synthetic fibres, plaited or not |
| 91 | Tents |
| 96 | Non-woven fabrics and articles of such fabrics, whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or laminated |
| 100 | Textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with preparations of cellulose derivatives or of other artificial plastic materials |
| 110 | Woven pneumatic mattresses |
| 111 | Camping goods, woven, other than pneumatic mattresses and tents |
| 124 | Synthetic staple fibres |
| 126 | Artificial staple fibres |

1 The complete description of the categories is shown in Annex I of Regulation (EEC) 3030/93

"ANNEX X

**List of textiles and clothing products not yet integrated into normal GATT 1994 rules**

| CATEGORY | DESCRIPTION[1] |
|---|---|
| | GROUP I A |
| 1 | Cotton yarn, not put up for retail sale |
| 2 | Woven fabrics of cotton, other than gauze, terry fabrics, pile fabrics, chenille fabrics, tulle and other net fabrics |
| 3 | Woven fabrics of synthetic fibres (discontinuous or waste) other than narrow woven fabrics, pile fabrics ( incl. terry fabrics) and chenille fabrics |
| | GROUP I B |
| 4 | Shirts, T-shirts, lightweight fine knit roll, polo or turtle necked jumpers and pullovers (other than of wool or fine animal hair), undervests and the like, knitted or crocheted |
| 5 | Jerseys, pullovers, slip-overs, waistcoats, twinsets, cardigans, bed-jackets and jumpers (others than jackets and blazers), anoraks, wind cheaters, waister jackets and the like, knitted or crocheted |
| 6 | Men's or boys' woven breeches, shorts other than swimwear and trousers (incl. slacks); women's or girl's woven trousers and slacks, of wool, of cotton or of man made fibres; lower parts of track suits with lining, others than category 16 or 29, of cotton or of man-made fibres |
| 7 | Women's or girl's blouses, shirts and shirt-blouses, whether or not knitted or crocheted, of wool, of cotton or man-made fibres |
| 8 | Men's or boys' shirts, other than knitted or crocheted, of wool, cotton or man-made fibres |
| | GROUP II A |
| 9 | Terry towelling and similar woven terry fabrics of cotton; toilet linen and kitchen linen, other than knitted or crocheted, of terry towelling and woven terry fabrics, of cotton |
| 20 | Bed linen, other than knitted or crocheted |
| 22 | Yarn of staple or waste synthetic fibres, not put up for retail sale |
| 23 | Yarn of staple or waste artificial fibres, not put up for retail sale |
| 32 | Woven pile fabrics and chenille fabrics (other than terry towelling or terry fabrics of cotton and narrow woven fabrics) and tufted textile surfaces, of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres |
| 39 | Table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen, other than knitted or crocheted, other than of terry towelling or a similar terry fabrics of cotton |
| | GROUP II B |
| 12 | Panty-hose and tights, stockings, understockings, socks, ankle-socks, sockettes and the like, knitted or crocheted, other than for babies, including stockings for varicose veins, other than products of category 70 |
| 13 | Men's or boy's underpants and briefs, women's or girl's knickers and briefs, knitted or crocheted, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres |
| 14 | Men's or boy's woven overcoats, raincoats and other coats, cloaks and capes, of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres (other than parkas) (of category 21) |
| 15 | Women's or girl's woven overcoats, raincoats and other coats, cloaks and capes; jackets and blazers, of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres (other than parkas) (of category 21) |
| 16 | Men's or boy's suits and ensembles, other than knitted or crocheted, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres, excluding ski suits; men's or boy's track suits with lining, with an outer shell of a single identical fabric, of cotton or of man-made fibres |
| 17 | Men's or boy's jackets or blazers, other than knitted or crocheted, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres |
| 18 | Men's or boy's singlets and other vests, underpants, briefs, night-shirts, pyjamas, bathrobes, dressing gowns and similar articles, other than knitted or crocheted<br>Women's or girl's singlets and other vests, slips, petticoats, briefs, panties, night-dresses, pyjamas, negligées, bathrobes, dressing gowns and similar articles, other than knitted or crocheted |
| 19 | Handkerchiefs, other than knitted or crocheted |
| 21 | Parkas; anoraks, windcheaters, waister jackets and the like, other than knitted or crocheted, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres; upper parts of tracksuits with lining, other than category 16 or 29, of cotton or of man-made fibres |
| 24 | Men's or boy's night-shirts, pyjamas, bathrobes, dressing gowns and similar articles, knitted or crocheted<br>Women's or girl's night-dresses, pyjamas, negligées, bathrobes, dressing gowns and similar articles, knitted or crocheted |
| 26 | Women's or girl's dresses, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres |
| 27 | Women's or girl's skirts, including divided skirts |
| 28 | Trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts (other than swimwear), knitted or crocheted, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres |
| 29 | Women's or girl's suits and ensembles, other than knitted or crocheted, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres, excluding ski suits; women's or girl's track suits with lining, with an outer shell of an identical fabric, of cotton or of man-made fibres |
| 31 | Brassières, woven, knitted or crocheted |
| 68 | Babies' garments and clothing accessories, excluding babies' gloves, mittens and mitts of categories 10 and 87, and babies' stockings, socks and sockettes, other than knitted or crocheted, of category 88 |
| 73 | Track suits of knitted or crocheted fabric, of wool, of cotton or of man-made textile fibres |
| 76 | Men's or boy's industrial or occupational clothing, other than knitted or crocheted;<br>Women's or girl's aprons, smock overalls and other industrial or occupational clothing, other than knitted or crocheted |
| 78 | Garments, other than knitted or crocheted, excluding garments of categories 6, 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 26, 27, 29, 68, 72, 76 and 77 |

[1] The complete description of the categories is shown in Annex I of Regulation (EEC) 3030/93
The complete description of the tariff lines is shown in Regulation (EC) 1359/95

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| 83 | Overcoats, jackets, blazers and other garments, including ski suits, knitted or crocheted, excluding garments of categories 4, 5, 7, 13, 24, 26, 27, 28, 68, 69, 72, 73, 74, 75 |

| | GROUP III A |
|---|---|
| 33 | Woven fabrics of synthetic filament yarn obtained from strip or the like of polyethylene or polypropylene, less than 3 m wide<br>Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods, not knitted or crocheted, obtained from strip or the like |
| 34 | Woven fabrics of synthetic filament yarn obtained from strip or the like of polyethylene or polypropylene, 3 m or more wide |
| 35 | Woven fabrics of synthetic fibres (continuous), other than those for tyres of category 114 |
| 36 | Woven fabrics of continuous artificial fibres , other than those for tyres of category 114 |
| 37 | Woven fabrics of artificial staple fibres |
| 38 A | Knitted or crocheted synthetic curtain fabric including net curtain fabric |
| 38 B | Net curtains, other than knitted or crocheted |
| 40 | Woven curtains ( including drapes, interior blinds, curtain and bed valances and other furnishing articles), other than knitted or crocheted, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres |
| 42 | Yarn of continuous man-made fibres, not put up for retail sale<br>Yarn of artificial fibres; yarn of artificial filaments, not put up for retail sale, other than single yarn of viscose rayon untwisted or with a twist of not more than 250 turns/m and single non textured yarn of cellulose acetate |
| 43 | Yarn of man-made filament, yarn of artificial staple fibres, cotton yarn, put up for retail sale |
| 47 | Yarn of carded sheep's or lamb's wool (woollen yarn) or of carded fine animal hair, not put up for retail sale |
| 48 | Yarn of combed sheep's or lamb's wool (worsted yarn) or of combed fine animal hair, not put up for retail sale |
| 49 | Yarn of sheep's or lamb's wool or of combed fine animal hair, put up for retail sale |
| 51 | Cotton, carded or combed |
| 53 | Cotton gauze |
| 54 | Artificial staple fibres, including waste, carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning |
| 55 | Synthetic staple fibres, including waste, carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning |
| 56 | Yarn of synthetic staple fibres (including waste), put up for retail sale |
| 59 | Carpets and other textile floor coverings, other than the carpets of category 58 |
| 60 | Tapestries, hand-made, of the type Gobelins, Flanders, Aubusson, Beauvais and the like, and needlework tapestries (e.g. petit point and cross stitch) made in panels and the like by hand |
| 62 | Chenille yarn (incl. flock chenille yarn), gimped yarn (other than metallized yarn and gimped horsehair yarn):<br>Tulle and other net fabrics but not including woven, knitted or crocheted fabrics, hand or mechanically-made lace, in the piece, in strips or in motifs<br>Labels, badges and the like of textile materials, not embroidered, in the piece, in strips or cut to shape or size, woven<br>Braids and ornamental trimmings in the piece; tassels, pompons and the like<br>Embroidery, in the piece, in strips or in motifs |
| 63 | Knitted or crocheted fabric of synthetic fibres containing by weight 5% or more elastomeric yarn and knitted or crocheted fabrics containing by weight 5% or more of rubber thread<br>Raschel lace and long-pile fabric of synthetic fibres |
| 66 | Travelling rugs and blankets, other than knitted or crocheted, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres |
| | GROUP III B |
| 93 | Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods of woven fabrics, other than made from polyethylene or polypropylene strip |
| 95 | Felt and articles thereof, whether or not impregnated or coated, other than floor coverings |
| 97 | Nets and netting made of twine, cordage or rope and made up fishing nets of yarn, twine, cordage or rope |
| 98 | Other articles made from yarn, twine, cordage, cables or rope , other textile fabrics, articles made from such fabrics and articles of category 97 |
| 101 | Twine, cordage, ropes and cables, plaited or not, other than of synthetic fibres |
| 109 | Tarpaulins, sails, awnings and sunblinds |
| 112 | Other made up textiles, woven, excluding those of categories 113 and 114 |
| 113 | Floor cloth, dish cloth and dusters, other than knitted or crocheted |
| 114 | Woven fabrics and articles for technical uses |
| | GROUP IV |
| 115 | Flax or ramie yarn |
| 117 | Woven fabrics of flax or of ramie |
| 118 | Table linen, toilet linen and kitchen of flax or ramie, other knitted or crocheted |
| 120 | Curtains ( incl. drapes), interior blinds, curtain and bed valances and other furnishing articles, not knitted or crocheted, of flax or ramie |
| 121 | Twine, cordage, ropes and cables, plaited or not, of flax or ramie |
| 122 | Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods, used, of flax, other than knitted or crocheted |
| 123 | Woven pile fabrics and chenille fabrics of flax or ramie, other than narrow woven fabrics<br>Shawls, scarves, mufflers, mantillas, veils and the like, of flax or ramie, other than knitted or crocheted |

| | GROUP V |
|---|---|
| 125 A | Synthetic filament yarn (continuous) not put up for retail sale, other than yarn of category 41 |
| 125 B | Monofilament, strip (artificial straw and the like) and imitation catgut of synthetic materials |
| 127 A | Yarn of artificial filaments (continuous) not put up for retail sale, other than yarn of category 42 |
| 127 B | Monofilament, strip (artificial straw and the like) and imitation catgut of artificial textile materials |
| 128 | Coarse animal hair, carded or combed |
| 129 | Yarn of coarse animal hair or of horsehair |
| 130 A | Silk yarn other than yarn spun from silk waste |
| 130 B | Silk yarn other than of category 130 A; silk-worm gut |
| 131 | Yarn of other vegetable textile fibres |
| 132 | Paper yarn |
| 133 | Yarn of true hemp (*cannabis sativa*) |
| 135 | Woven fabrics of coarse animal hair or of horse hair |
| 136 | Woven fabrics of silk or of silk waste |
| 137 | Woven pile fabric and chenille fabrics and narrow woven fabrics of silk, or of silk waste |
| 138 | Woven fabrics of paper yarn and other textile fibres other than of ramie |
| 139 | Woven fabrics of metal threads or of metallized yarn |
| 140 | Knitted or crocheted fabric of textile material other than wool or fine animal hair, cotton or man made fibres |
| 141 | Travelling rugs and blankets of textile material other than wool or fine animal hair, cotton or man made fibres |
| 142 | Carpets and other textile floor coverings of sisal, of other fibres of the agave family or the Manila hemp |
| 144 | Felt of coarse animal hair |
| 145 | Twine, cordage, ropes and cables plaited or not abaca (Manila hemp) or of true hemp |
| 146 A | Binder or baler twine for agricultural machines, of sisal or other fibres of the agave family |
| 146 B | Twine, cordage, ropes and cables of sisal or other fibres of the agave family, other than the products of category 146 A |
| 146 C | Twine, cordage, ropes and cables, whether or not plaited or braided, of jute or of other textile bast fibres of heading N° 5303 |
| 147 | Silk waste( incl. cocoons unsuitable for reeling), yarn waste and garnetted stock, other than not carded or combed |
| 151 A | Floor coverings of coconut fibres (coir) |
| 151 B | Carpets and other textile floor coverings, of jute or of other textile bast fibres, other than tufted or flocked |
| 152 | Needle loom felt of carpets and other textile floor coverings of jute or of other textile bast fibres not impregnated or coated, other than floor coverings |
| 154 | Silkworm cocoons suitable for reeling<br>Raw silk (not thrown)<br>Silk waste( incl. cocoons unsuitable for reeling), yarn waste and garnetted stock, not carded or combed<br>Wool not carded or combed<br>Fine or coarse animal hair, not carded or combed<br>Waste of wool or of fine or coarse animal hair, including yarn waste but excluding garnetted stock<br>Garnetted stock of wool or of fine or coarse animal hair<br>Flax, raw or processed but not spun: flax tow and waste (including yarn waste but excluding garnetted stock)<br>Ramie and other vegetable textile fibres, raw or processed but not spun: tow, noils and waste, other than coir and abaca of heading N° 5304<br>Cotton, not carded nor combed<br>Cotton waste (incl. yarn waste and garnetted stock)<br>True hemp (*cannabis sativa*), raw or processed but not spun: tow and waste of true hemp (including yarn waste and garnetted stock)<br>Abaca (*Manila hemp* or *Musa Textilis Nee)*,raw or processed but not spun: tow and waste of abaca (including) yarn waste and garnetted stock<br>Jute or other textile bast fibres ( excl. flax, true hemp and ramie),,raw or processed but not spun: tow and waste of jute or other textile bast fibres (including yarn waste and garnetted stock)<br>Other vegetable textile fibres, raw or processed but not spun: tow and waste of such fibres (including yarn waste and garnetted stock |
| 156 | Blouses and pullovers knitted or crocheted of silk or silk waste for women and girls |
| 157 | Garments, knitted or crocheted, other than those of categories 1 to 123 and of category 156 |
| 159 | Dresses, blouses and shirt-blouses, not knitted or crocheted, of silk or silk waste<br>shawls, scarves, mufflers, mantillas, veils and the like, not knitted or crocheted, of silk or silk waste<br>Ties, bow ties and cravats of silk or silk waste |
| 160 | Handkerchiefs of silk or silk waste |
| 161 | Garments, not knitted or crocheted, other than those of categories 1 to 123 and category 159 |
| | OTHER |
| 163 | Gauze and articles of gauze put up in forms or packings for retail sale |
| Not categorised | CN 59050050<br>HS EX 640520<br>HS 660110<br>HS 870821<br>HS EX 940490 |

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**ANNEX III**

**List of textiles and clothing products integrated into the normal GATT 1994 rules**

| CATEGORY | DESCRIPTION[1)] |
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| 10 | Gloves, mittens and mitts, knitted or crocheted |
| 41 | Yarn of synthetic filament (continuous), not put up for retail sale, other than non textured single yarn untwisted or with a twist of not more than 50 turns/m |
| 46 | Carded or combed sheep's or lamb's wool or other fine animal hair |
| 50 | Woven fabrics of sheep's or lamb's wool or of fine animal hair |
| 58 | Carpets, carpentines and rugs, knotted ( made up or not) |
| 61 | Narrow woven fabrics, and narrow fabrics (bolduc) consisting of warp without weft, assembled by means of an adhesive, other than labels and similar articles of category 62<br>Elastic fabrics and trimmings (not knitted or crocheted), made from textile materials assembled from rubber thread |
| 65 | Knitted or crocheted fabric, other than those of categories 38 A and 63, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres |
| 67 | Knitted or crocheted clothing accessories other than for babies; household linen of all kinds, knitted or crocheted; curtains (incl. drapes) and interior blinds, curtain or bed valances and other furnishing articles knitted or crocheted; knitted or crocheted blankets and travelling rugs, other than knitted or crocheted articles including parts of garments or of clothing accessories |
| 69 | Women's and girl's slips and petticoats, knitted or crocheted |
| 70 | Panty-hose and tights of synthetic fibres, measuring per single yarn less than 67 decitex (6,7 tex)<br>Women's full length hosiery of synthetic fibres |
| 72 | Swimwear, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres |
| 74 | Women's or girl's suits and ensembles, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres, excluding ski suits |
| 75 | Men's or boy's knitted or crocheted suits and ensembles, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres, excluding ski suit |
| 77 | Ski suits, other than knitted or crocheted |
| 84 | Shawls, scarves, mufflers, mantillas, veils and the like other than knitted or crocheted, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres |
| 85 | Ties, bow ties and cravats other than knitted or crocheted, of wool, of cotton or of man-made fibres |
| 86 | Corsets, corset-belts, suspender belts, braces, suspenders, garters and the like, and parts thereof, whether or not knitted or crocheted |
| 87 | Gloves, mittens and mitts, not knitted or crocheted |
| 88 | Stockings, socks and sockettes, not knitted or crocheted; other clothing accessories, other than for babies, other than knitted or crocheted |
| 90 | Twine, cordage, ropes and cables of synthetic fibres, plaited or not |
| 91 | Tents |
| 94 | Wadding of textile materials and articles thereof; textile fibres, not exceeding 5 mm in length (flock), textile dust and mill neps |
| 96 | Non-woven fabrics and articles of such fabrics, whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or laminated |
| 99 | Textile fabrics coated with gum or amylaceous substances, of a kind used for the outer covers of books and the like; tracing cloth; prepared painting canvas; buckram and similar stiffened textile fabrics of a kind used for hat foundations<br>Linoleum, whether or not cut to shape; floor coverings consisting of a coating or covering applied on a textile backing, whether or not cut to shape;<br>Rubberised textile fabric, not knitted or crocheted, excluding those for tyres<br>Textile fabrics otherwise impregnated or coated; painted canvas being theatrical scenery, studio back-cloths, other than of category 100 |
| 100 | Textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with preparations of cellulose derivatives or of other artificial plastic materials |
| 110 | Woven pneumatic mattresses |
| 111 | Camping goods, woven, other than pneumatic mattresses and tents |
| 124 | Synthetic staple fibres |
| 126 | Artificial staple fibres |
| 134 | Metallized yarn |
| 148 A | Yarn of jute or of other textile bast fibres of heading N° 5303 |
| 148 B | Coir yarn |
| 149 | Woven fabrics of jute or of other textile bast fibres of a width of more than 150 cm |
| 150 | Woven fabrics of jute or of other textile bast fibres of a width of not more than 150 cm<br>Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods, of jute or of other textile bast fibres, other than used |
| 153 | Used sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods, of jute or of other textile bast fibres of heading N° 5303 |

1 The complete description of the categories is shown in Annex I of Regulation (EEC) 3030/93
The complete description of the tariff lines is shown in Regulation (EC) 1359/95

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