

Commission communication

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From 1 January 1993 the new telephone number for the switchboard of the Commission of the European Communities in Brussels will be:

(32 2) 299 11 11.

Notice to importers

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Subject: Imports of textiles subject to quantitative restrictions — Transitional arrangements

This notice sets out very briefly the proposed transitional licensing arrangements for certain textile products commencing 1 January 1993. The arrangements are necessary as a result of the implementation of the Internal Market and will take place in three phases as indicated below.

From 1 January 1993 there will no longer be a regional (Member State) breakdown of the agreed Community quotas. The licensing authorities of each Member State will license against the centrally held European Community (EC) quota, which is administered by the Commission in close cooperation with the licensing authorities of the Member States.

The export administered quotas, subject to this notice, will continue to operate as before, that is import licenses will be issued only on production of export licenses/certificates issued by the appropriate authority in the exporting country up to the agreed EC quota level.

Phase 1: to commence 1 January 1993 until probably end of 1993

The exporting country will continue to issue export licenses/certificates indicating the Member State of Custom clearance as is current practice. Only the Member State designated will be able to accept the export license/certificate and any import licence issued against it will be valid for that Member State only.

Phase 2: Expected to commence 1 January 1994

Whilst the exporting country will continue to indicate a Member State on the export license/certificate it can be presented to any Member State for an import licence which will be valid only in the Member State of issue.

Phase 3: Expected to commence 1 January 1995

The export license/certificate issued by the supplying country can be presented to any Member State and any import licence issued will be valid throughout the Community.

Full details of the products subject to restriction, quota levels and licensing arrangements for 1993 should be published early in the New Year.

The exporting countries to which this notice refers are as follows:

— MFA and MFA type bilateral Agreement countries:

Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Macao, Malaysia, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Roumania, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

— Association Agreement countries:

the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, Hungary and Poland, Taiwan, Vietnam.