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Sub: Non-Tariff Barriers that India can impose on its competitors, i.e. China, Vietnam, Bangladesh, etc - Recommendations from NITMA.

Respected Madam,

The Northern India Textile Mills' Association, popularly known as NITMA is an apex association of North India serving the interest of textile units. All the large textile mills in the Northern part of India are associated with NITMA and the combined turnover of its members is approximately 50,000 Crores (USD 8 Billion). It was formed in 1958 and represents industry for all policy matters and disseminates information apart from conducting conferences, exhibitions, seminars & workshops.

We would like to draw your Kind attention towards the above subject.

Please find below our submissions on the above subject:

1. Restriction on quantity of import under HS 55092100 to 2000 tons/month by introducing import licenses that are issued by the government to the importers as imports have surged to 9000 tons/month from 500 tons/month in a period of only 2 years.

2. The RKM of all products under 55092100 should be 40 or more to meet the requirement of next generation knitting & weaving machines.

3. Articles imported under 55092100 should be free of carcinogenic heavy metal compounds (Sb2O3) of Antimony (Sb) which are released into the Indian water bodies when fabrics made from these imported yarns are dyed at high temperatures thereby endangering both humans & the environment.

4. EU flower & Oekotex certificate must accompany all import shipment under 55092100 to prevent the entry of any other hazardous substances into India through these yarns.

5. Imports under 55092100 should only be permitted against advance license so that the dumping from Indonesia, Vietnam & China can be harnessed to increase India's exports while at the same time protecting the domestic manufacturers from unfair competition.

6. Imports under 55092100 should only be permitted if the importer can pay directly to the exporter with his own foreign exchange obtained through his export activities abroad to further boost India's exports & keep a check on surging imports to improve the export-import deficit.

We request your good self to kindly consider our submissions.

Thank you.

With kind regards
Sanjay Garg
President