Textiles products from third countries, Uruguay Round: importation common system

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This proposal for a regulation aimed to amend Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 on the common rules for imports of certain textile products from third countries. It was designed to permit the effective implementation of the agreement on textiles and clothing concluded at the Uruguay Round (agreement which sought basically to put in place a dual process of deregulation and integration of this sector in three distinct phases). In order to comply with this agreement, the regulation should be amended in three respects: - safeguard clause: the measures laid down in Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 were aligned with those in the new World Trade Organisation (WTO) agreement; - the Community quantitative limits provided for in Annex V of the regulation, which affected imports from WTO members, should be adjusted at the beginning of each phase of the agreement in order to take account of the annual increase in quotas. Once the EU had incorporated those products which were subject to quantitative limits, these would be removed from the Annex; - as and when certain countries became members of the WTO, these upper limits, which imposed cumulative restrictions on their recourse to the commercial opportunities, should be abolished, as the agreement stipulated that no limit should be imposed on the combined use of options for transfer, postponement and advance utilisation.