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## **INTRODUCTION**

The aim of this document is to give a concise presentation of structural data on the textile and clothing industry in the European Community.

Emphasis is placed on the importance and structure of this industry in 1992, as well as on its evolution since 1988.

This first part identifies the different sectors within the clothing and textile industries, either separately or as a whole. The second part, which will be published in the autumn, will cover each sector in more detail (e.g. wool, cotton, knitwear,...).

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## **I. FACTUAL ANALYSIS**

### **1. The importance of the textile and clothing industry in the European Community in 1992**

The textile and clothing industry remains very important within the Community. In comparison with manufacturing industry, this sector represents some 8.7% of total employment, 4.8% of the value of production and 5.1% of value added.<sup>1</sup>

Employing 2,636 million people, with a turnover of more than 168 billion ECU (1985 prices) and investment of nearly 5.4 billion ECU, this remains without doubt a major industrial sector.

The relative importance of the industry differs considerably depending upon both the sectors within it and the various Member States, as was illustrated in detail by the OETH's recent factual report entitled "The EC Textile and Clothing Industry 1991/1992".

#### **Employment**

More than 90% of employment within the textile and clothing industry is found in six Member States, namely (in decreasing order of importance) Italy (with more than a quarter of the EC's total employment in this industry), Germany, United Kingdom, France, Spain and Portugal. The importance of these Member States is relatively similar in both textiles and clothing, although, in absolute terms, the majority of employment in the industry is in the textile sector, which represents 57% of the entire industry. This total volume of employment emanates from 151,905 enterprises, of which more than 100,000 consist of less than 20 employees (graph 1 and tables 1, 2 and 3).

#### **Production and turnover**

The cumulative turnover of Italy, France and Germany makes up 71.8% of the total turnover of the textile/clothing industry in the Community (70% in textiles, 75.2% in clothing). Furthermore, these countries, along with Belgium, have the highest rates of apparent consumption per inhabitant in the Community (graphs 2 and 3, tables 1,2 and 3).

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<sup>1</sup> Calculated on the basis of enterprises with over 20 employees.

As to the three Member States who have joined the Community most recently (Spain, Portugal and Greece), their share of the total EC turnover in the industry is 9.7%, while the corresponding figure for employment is 24.3%.

Two-thirds of the turnover of the textile/clothing industry of the Community is generated by the textile industry.

These characteristics are equally valid as concerns production (graph 2) even though the relation between this variable and turnover can vary widely from one Member State to another.

### **Value added**

The value added in enterprises with more than 20 employees in the textile/clothing industry represents 35% of production. With an average level of 23,289 ECU per employee, the textile industry considerably surpasses the clothing industry (nearly 18,000 ECU per employee). This difference would be even greater if the knitting industry were not included within the textile industry (tables 1, 2 and 3).

It is in Belgium that value added per employee in the textile /clothing industry, which is a reliable indicator of productivity, is the highest, followed closely by Italy, the Netherlands, France and Germany. Conversely, Portugal and Greece show the lowest levels of value added per employee, at 15% and 43% of the Community average respectively (graph 4 and tables).

## **2. Evolution between 1988 and 1992**

### **Employment and number of enterprises**

During this period, the industry lost 434,000 jobs in the Community as a whole, of which 153,000 were in 1992 alone (graph 5 and table 1).

In the textile sector the fall in employment at the Community level was 13.6%. Comparing the employment levels in 1992 and 1988, the countries which were the most affected were Greece and the United Kingdom with a 22.5% drop, followed by Portugal and Denmark (21.5%), France (19%) and Spain (14%).

In the clothing industry, again the United Kingdom suffered the worst fall in employment (28.1%) followed by Italy and Spain (17.5% and 16.3% respectively).



The number of enterprises seems on the contrary to have increased by 2.7% overall in the Community (in the textile/clothing industry). However, it is important to take account of the fact that a revision in the statistical coverage of clothing enterprises in Italy in 1989 makes any comparison with the previous year difficult.

Looking at the 1989-92 period, there was a fall in the number of enterprises in the Community by 3,500 because of numerous closures in the last two years. This phenomenon differs according to the sectors and the countries under consideration. The clothing industry has recorded better results (the most recently available data being for 1991), with the number of enterprises staying constant as opposed to a 5.6% fall in textiles (table 4).

### **Turnover**

The turnover of the EC (at constant prices) and more specifically of the textile/clothing industry is increasing steadily, and has risen 6.8% since 1988. Since 1990, however, the rate of increase has stabilized somewhat with significant variations between the different Member States (graph 6 and tables).

The largest increases were found in the main producing countries, namely Italy (11.7%), Germany (8%), France(15.6%) and Belgium (17.1%). On the other hand, Portugal's turnover decreased by 15%, as did those of the United Kingdom (10.6%) and Denmark.

Italy alone generated 35% of the Community's turnover in 1992, while the share of the overall turnover generated by the three countries with the largest turnovers in the Community (Italy, Germany and France) went up from 68.7% to 71.8% between 1988 and 1992.

### **Value added**

The value added of the textile/clothing industry stayed relatively stable, even though a slight fall took place in the last two years in both the textile industry (1.8%) and the clothing industry (1.6%).

Taking into account the continued drop in the level of production, the movement in value added is notable. It may well be that this industry has strengthened its competitiveness despite the crisis with which it is confronted. The fact that the rate of increase of turnover is higher than that of value added could equally be a confirmation of a change of strategy within the industry.

## **Investment**

After a steady rise since the beginning of the 80's, investment (at current price levels) in the textile/clothing industry has decreased considerably.

The volume of investment in textiles was, in 1992, at its lowest level since the beginning of the 80's. The amount of investment in the clothing industry is at a significantly lower level than that in the textile industry, but is greater than it was in the 80's even though there has been a decrease in investment in this sector of 10.2% between 1990 and 1992.

In 1992, as compared with 1988, the most significant decreases in investment in the industry were in Belgium (19.2%), Italy (17.9%) and Spain (14%), while when the same comparison is made for 1991 (the most recently available figures) the most significant decreases in the level of investment were in the United Kingdom (42.1%) and in Denmark (28%).

## **External trade**

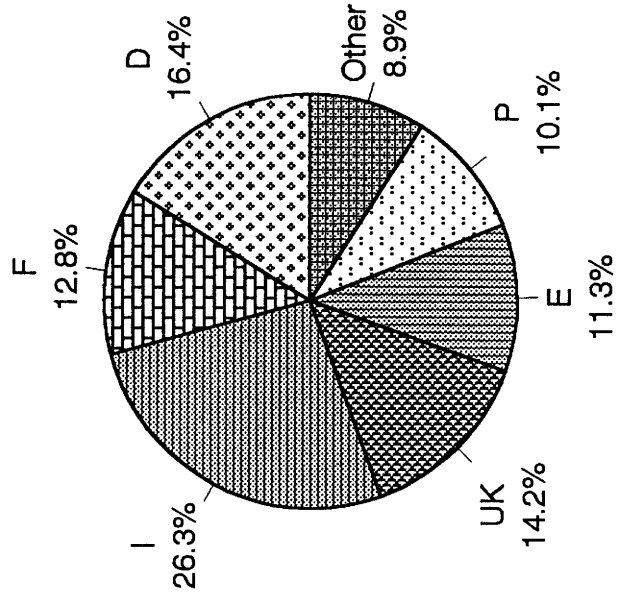
During the 1988-1992 period, for the whole textile/clothing industry, Community imports increased (in value) by 46.6% and (extra-Community) exports increased by 24.3%. The result has been a large increase in the trade deficit in textiles, including knitwear, from 872 million ECU to 3,750 ECU. The trade deficit in woven clothing went from 5,303 million ECU to 9,582 million ECU. In 1992 the deficit stabilized, although this development was due more to a stabilization of imports of textile/clothing products (1% increase) rather than to a large increase in exports (only 3.3%).

The largest increases of imports of textiles/clothing, comparing 1992 with 1988, were in Spain (219%), Portugal (90.8%), Greece (85%) and Germany (46%). As concerns exports, Portugal had the largest rise (44.8%), followed by Greece (41.5%), Germany and the Netherlands (30.3%), France (28%), Italy and Belgium (24%).

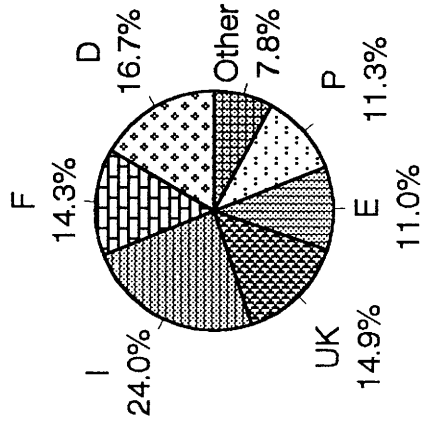
Looking now at the export/production ratio in the textile/clothing industry, it must be noted that the highest levels are not found in those Member States who have the most significant levels of production, but (in decreasing order of importance) in the Netherlands, Belgium, Ireland, Denmark and Portugal (table 1).

# Employment 1992

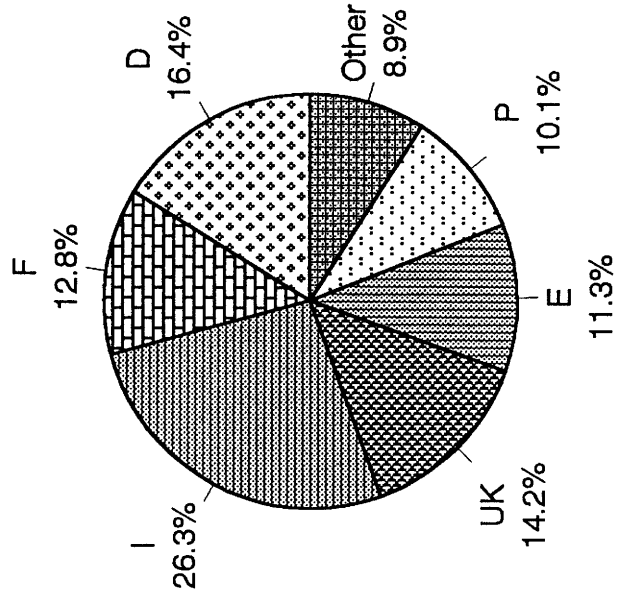
Graph 1



**Textiles**



**Clothing**

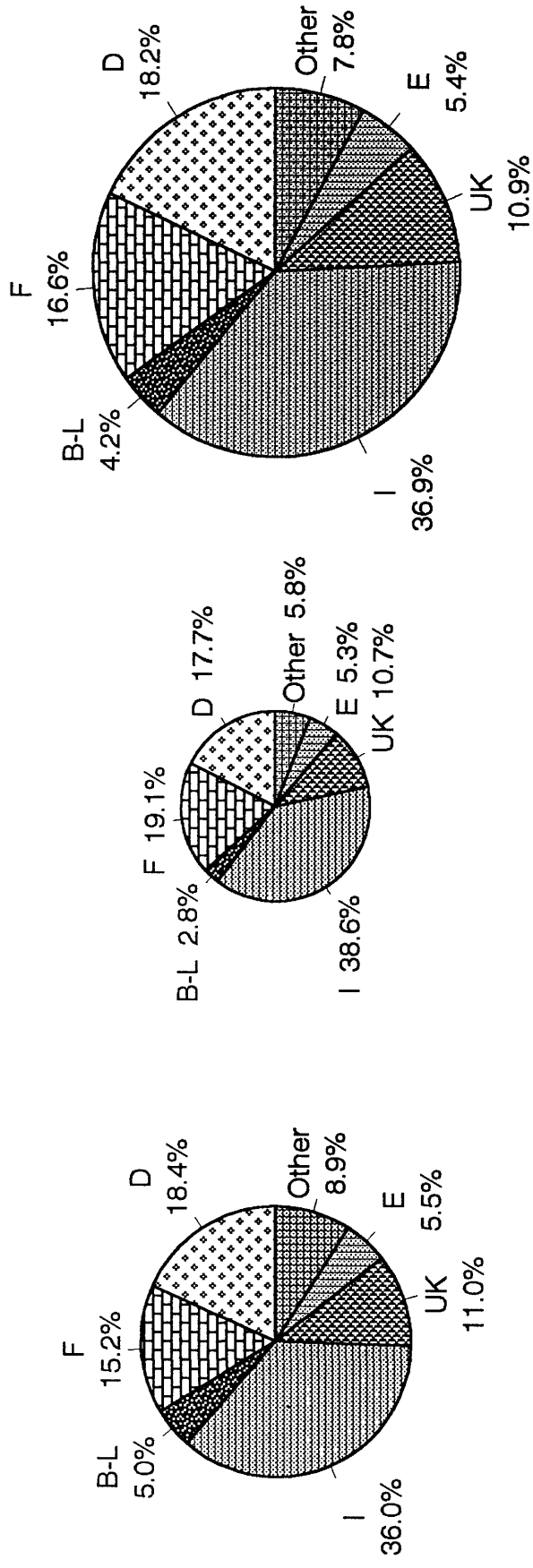


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# Production 1992

Graph 2

constant prices 1985



**Textiles**

**Clothing**

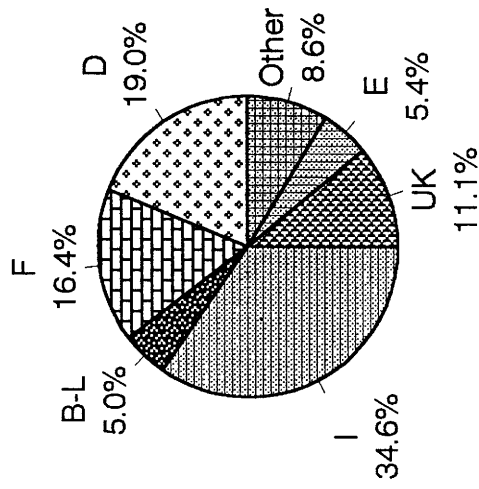
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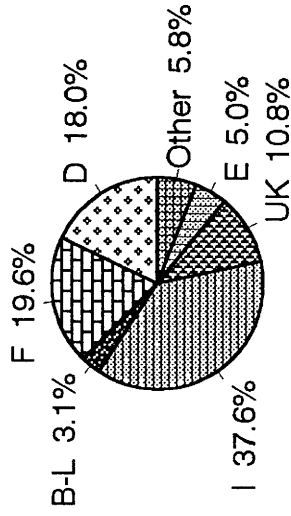
# Turnover 1992

Graph 3

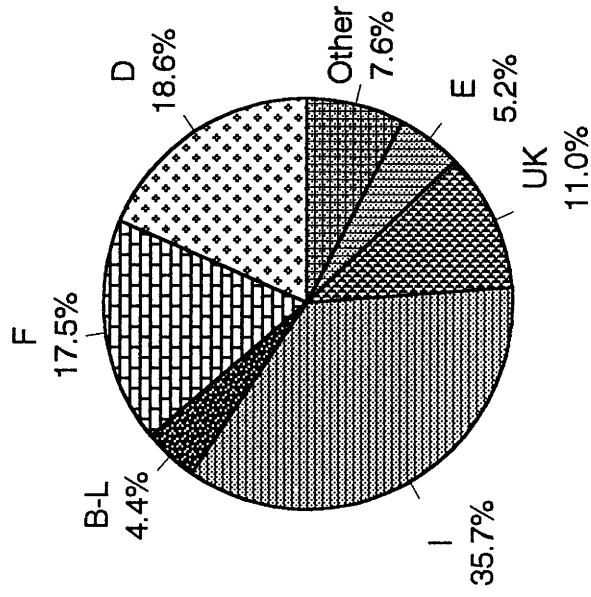
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**Textiles**



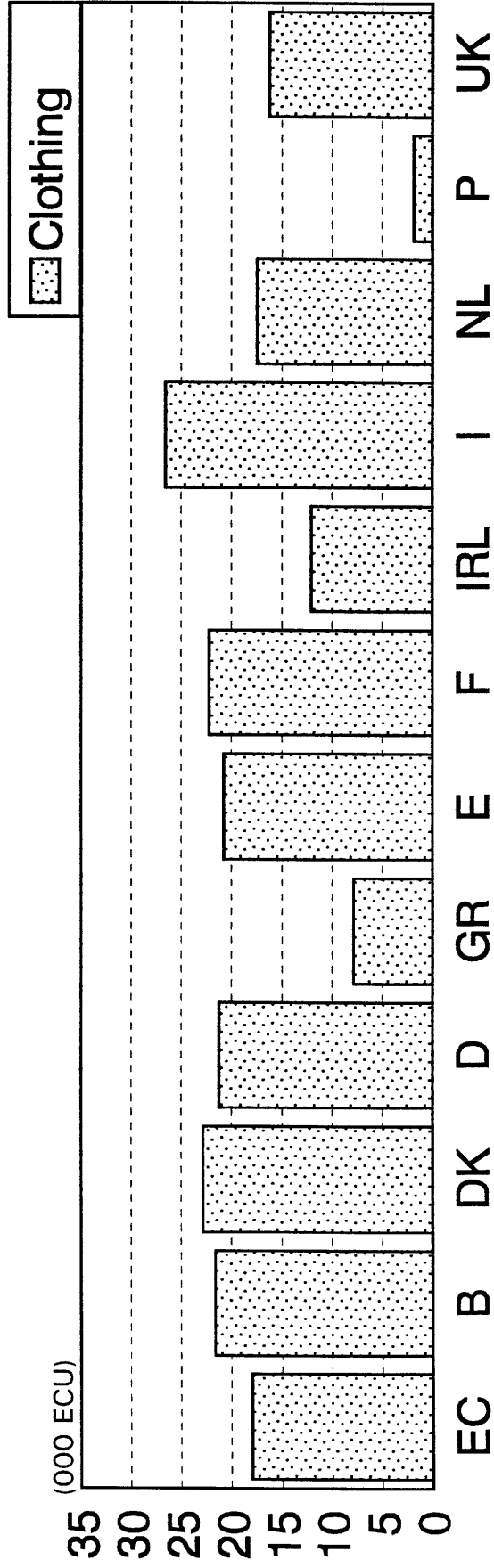
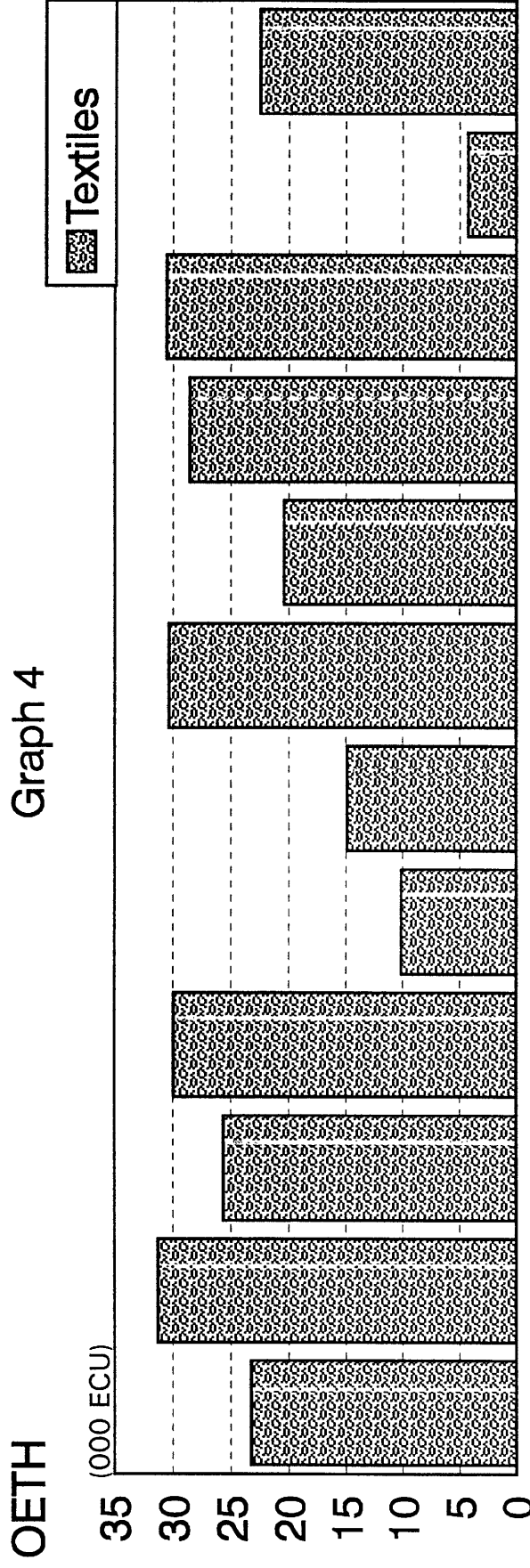
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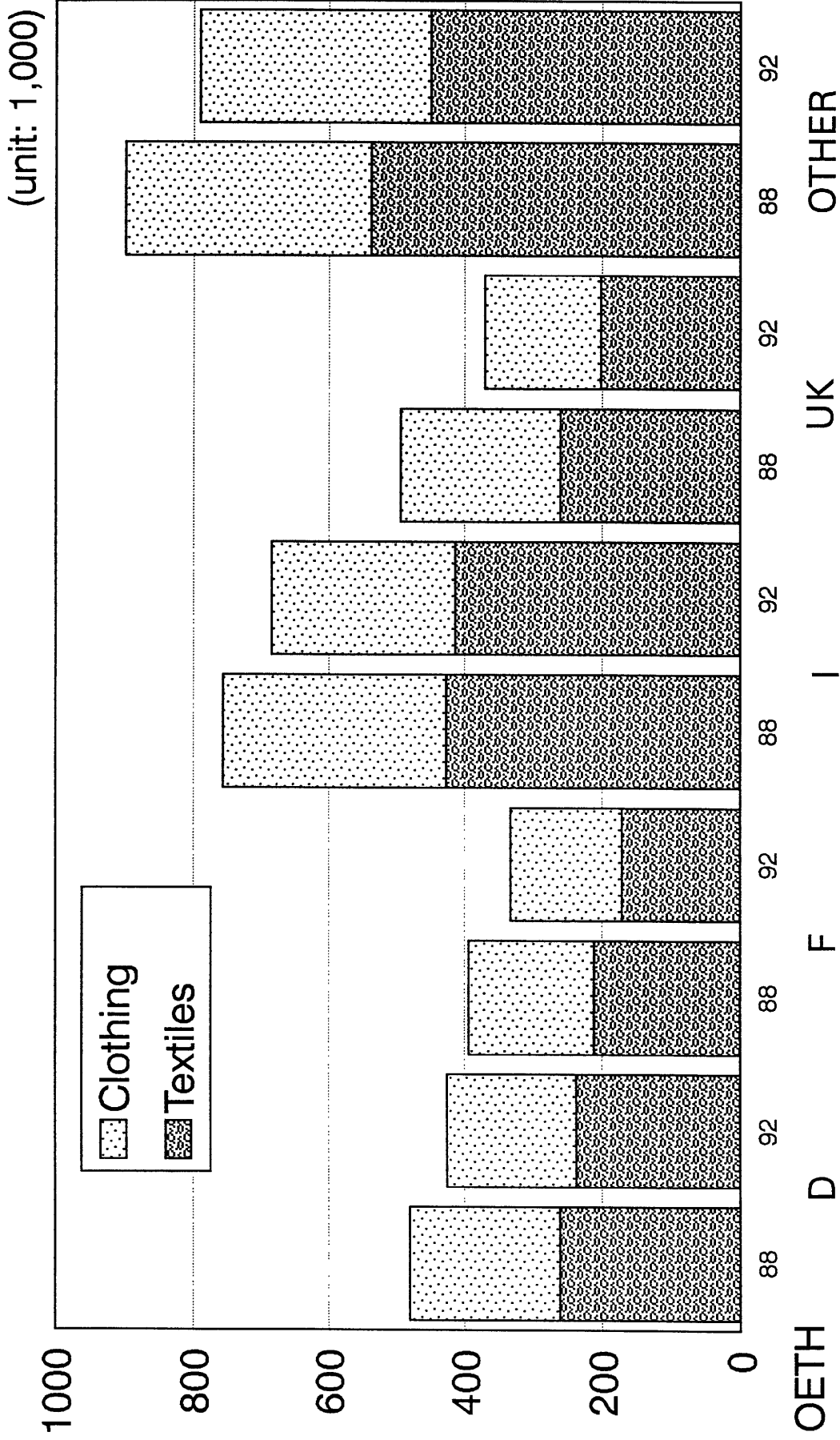
# Value added per employee 1992

Graph 4



# Employment 1988-1992

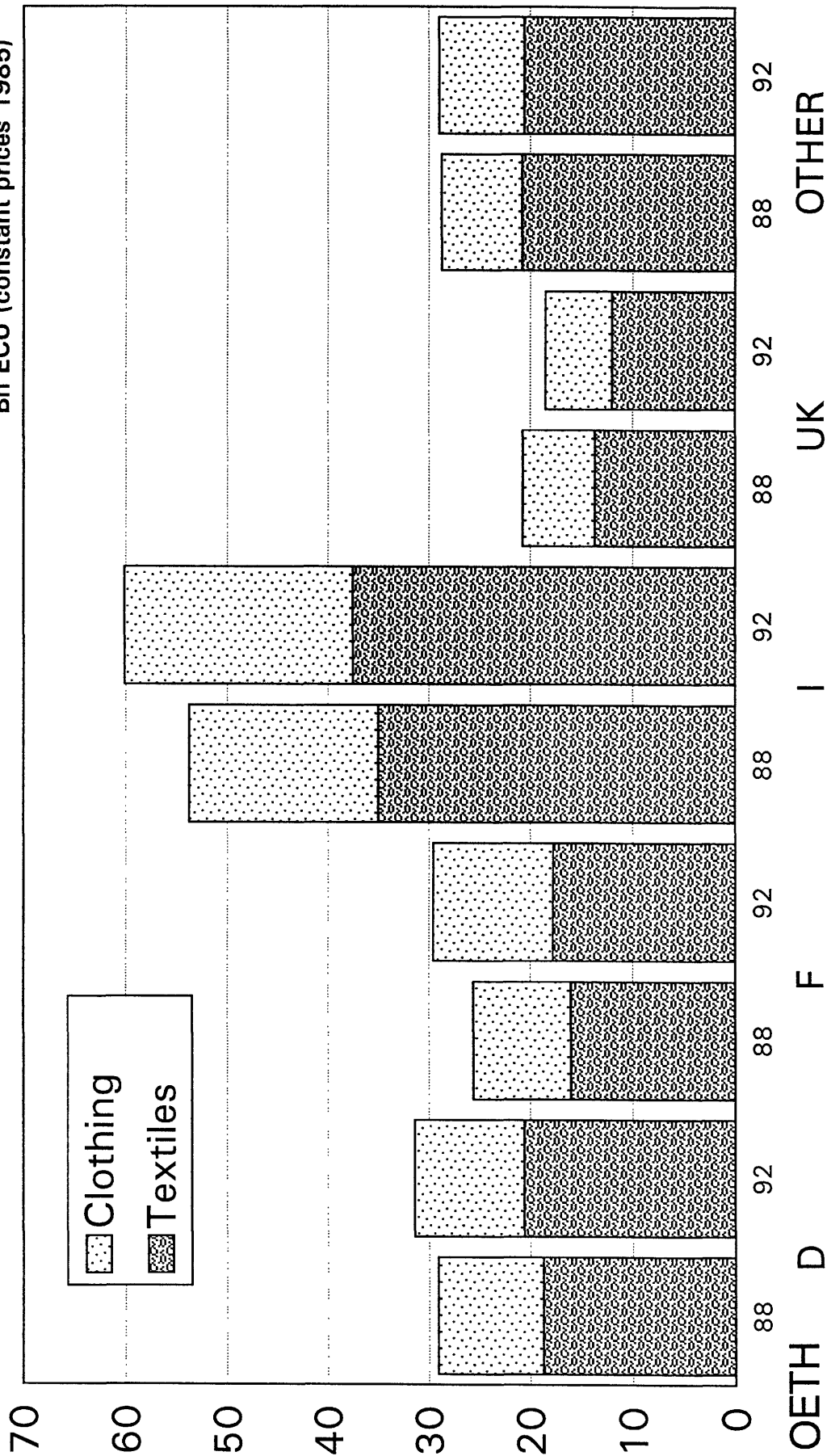
Graph 5



# Turnover 1988-1992

Graph 6

Bn ECU (constant prices 1985)





## II. TABLES

TABLE 1

# THE STRUCTURE OF THE EC TEXTILE & CLOTHING INDUSTRY - 1992

NACE 43 + 453-55

Ranking per country based on employment

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Constant prices (1985=100)

Country	Production per employee ECU	Value added per employee (***) ECU	Production mn ECU	Employment (%)		Exports/Production (%) (current prices)	Apparent Consumption mn ECU (current prices)	Apparent Consumption/head ECU (current prices)
				Employment	(%)			
Italy	83,773	27,892	60,159	718,123	27.24	24.4	59,386	512
Germany	69,485	26,565	29,582	425,733	16.15	44.2	47,752	371
United Kingdom	48,010	19,765	17,758	369,882	14.03	29.2	24,403	211
France	81,387	26,854	27,059	332,472	12.61	30.3	33,127	291
Spain	29,961	16,503	8,825	294,550	11.17	18.9	12,640	162
Portugal	15,396	3,145	4,062	263,833	10.01	61.5	4,454	215
Greece	45,830	9,187	3,650	79,642	3.02	50.2	3,028	150
Belgium (*)	83,955	28,249	6,674	79,495	3.02	91.1	6,693	324
Netherlands (**)	85,377	26,977	2,597	30,418	1.15	138.0	5,960	196
Ireland	42,213	16,513	892	21,131	0.80	80.3	1,429	200
Denmark	76,019	24,642	1,546	20,337	0.77	78.3	2,348	227
Luxembourg	...	...	140	926	0.04	...	...	...
EC	61,802	21,254	162,944	2,636,542	100	12.7	201,219	305

(\*): Foreign trade data includes Luxembourg

(\*\*): NACE 453-4; Production and Employment data are for enterprises with 20 employees or more

(\*\*\*): Based on enterprises with 20 employees or more

EC foreign trade data only relates to Extra-EC trade.

TABLE 2

# THE STRUCTURE OF THE EC TEXTILE INDUSTRY (NACE 43+455) - 1992

Ranking per country based on employment

OETH

Constant prices (1985=100)

Country	Production per employee ECU	Value added per employee (**) ECU	Production		Exports/Production (%) (current prices)	Apparent Consumption mn ECU (current prices)	Apparent Consumption/head ECU (current prices)
			mn ECU	(%)			
Italy	84,882	28,552	37,960	36.0	27.8	35,490	612
Germany	81,959	29,950	19,392	18.4	49.6	28,500	443
United Kingdom	57,521	22,452	11,619	11.0	33.0	15,611	270
France	93,865	30,336	16,050	15.2	37.4	18,577	326
Spain	34,178	14,882	5,803	5.5	24.7	7,225	185
Portugal	21,158	4,239	2,884	2.7	60.5	3,337	323
Belgium (*)	97,239	31,293	5,089	4.8	99.0	3,864	374
Greece	61,055	10,137	2,712	2.6	57.7	2,044	202
Netherlands	92,958	30,538	2,103	2.0	121.4	3,885	256
Denmark	83,983	25,658	1,055	1.0	84.4	1,520	294
Ireland	56,272	20,408	628	0.6	89.9	869	243
Luxembourg	255,894	...	135	0.1	...	...	...
EC	69,982	23,289	105,430	100	14.5	120,921	366

(\*): Foreign trade data includes Luxembourg

(\*\*): Based on enterprises with 20 employees or more  
EC foreign trade data only relates to Extra-EC trade.

TABLE 3

# THE STRUCTURE OF THE EC CLOTHING INDUSTRY (NACE 453+454) - 1992

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Ranking per country based on employment

Constant prices (1985=100)

Country	Production per employee ECU	Value added per employee (***) ECU	Production mn ECU	Employment (%)	Exports/Production (%) (current prices)	Apparent Consumption mn ECU (current prices)	Apparent Consumption/head ECU (current prices)		
								Production (%)	
Italy	81,941	26,540	22,199	38.60	23.97	270,915	19.0	23,896	412
Germany	53,879	21,210	10,190	17.72	16.74	189,127	34.3	19,252	300
United Kingdom	36,566	16,263	6,139	10.67	14.86	167,887	22.5	8,792	152
France	68,175	22,222	11,009	19.14	14.29	161,481	21.2	14,550	256
Portugal	9,238	1,819	1,178	2.05	11.28	127,522	63.5	1,117	108
Spain	24,223	20,778	3,022	5.25	11.04	124,760	10.4	5,415	138
Greece	26,630	7,831	938	1.63	3.12	35,223	35.1	984	97
Belgium (*)	58,358	21,598	1,585	2.76	2.40	27,160	70.3	2,829	274
Ireland	26,477	12,029	264	0.46	0.88	9,971	58.7	560	157
Netherlands (**)	63,374	17,447	494	0.86	0.69	7,795	203.1	2,076	137
Denmark	63,151	22,802	491	0.85	0.69	7,775	65.8	828	160
Luxembourg	13,975	...	6	0.01	0.04	400	...	...	...
EC	50,897	17,962	57,514	100	100	1,130,016	9.8	80,298	243

(\*): Foreign trade data includes Luxembourg

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## The structure of the textile &amp; clothing industry 1988 - 1992

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EC

Industry	All enterprises	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	AAR (%)
<u>TEXTILES</u> and <u>CLOTHING</u> (NACE 43+453-55)	Employment	3,070,814	3,006,558	2,914,049	2,789,854	2,636,542	-3.7
	Number of enterprises	147,832	155,433	155,653	153,913	151,905	0.7
	Turnover	157,729	164,691	167,861	168,072	168,431	1.7
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	41,464	41,263	42,521	42,063	41,379	-0.0
	Investment (*)	6,173	6,167	6,094	5,699	5,335	-3.5
	Imports (extra-EC)	25,351	28,288	31,386	36,789	37,168	10.2
	Exports (extra-EC)	19,176	22,246	23,051	23,071	23,836	5.8
<u>TEXTILES</u> (NACE 43 + 455)	Employment	1,745,124	1,720,011	1,650,878	1,592,272	1,506,526	-3.6
	Number of enterprises	64,035	66,367	66,093	64,628	62,620	-0.5
	Turnover	104,182	107,588	108,524	108,694	108,422	1.0
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	28,516	28,081	28,653	28,543	28,023	-0.4
	Investment (*)	5,100	4,989	4,854	4,625	4,326	-4.0
	Imports (extra-EC)	14,955	16,351	17,605	20,105	20,694	8.5
	Exports (extra-EC)	14,083	16,028	16,324	16,389	16,944	4.9
<u>CLOTHING</u> (NACE 453-4)	Employment	1,325,690	1,286,547	1,263,171	1,197,582	1,130,016	-3.9
	Number of enterprises	83,797	89,066	89,560	89,285	89,285	2.2
	Turnover	53,547	57,103	59,337	59,378	60,009	2.9
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	12,948	13,182	13,868	13,520	13,356	0.8
	Investment (*)	1,074	1,178	1,240	1,074	1,009	0.5
	Imports (extra-EC)	10,396	11,937	13,781	16,684	16,474	12.5
	Exports (extra-EC)	5,093	6,218	6,727	6,682	6,892	8.2

**Notes:**

Values: Mn ECU; Turnover &amp; Value Added are in constant prices (1985=100)

(\*) : Data for enterprises with more than 20 employees only.

f.c. = at factor cost

NACE 43 includes the knitting industry

TABLE 5

## The structure of the textile &amp; clothing industry 1988 - 1992

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## Belgium

Industry	All enterprises	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	AAR (%)
<u>TEXTILES</u> and <u>CLOTHING</u> (NACE 43+453-55)	Employment	86,878	87,541	87,132	82,649	79,495	-2.2
	Number of enterprises	2,930	2,915	2,904	2,857	2,857	-0.8
	Turnover	6,118	6,531	6,995	6,666	7,168	4.2
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	1,701	1,833	1,984	1,908	1,954	3.6
	Investment (*)	400	367	362	326	323	-5.1
	Imports (**)	4,545	4,908	5,494	5,826	6,044	7.4
	Exports (**)	5,329	6,040	6,479	6,625	6,658	5.8
<u>TEXTILES</u> (NACE 43 + 455)	Employment	56,546	56,901	55,505	53,174	52,335	-1.9
	Number of enterprises	1,458	1,472	1,461	1,414	1,414	-1.0
	Turnover	4,881	5,076	5,348	4,940	5,312	2.3
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	1,378	1,445	1,558	1,455	1,485	2.0
	Investment (*)	366	331	326	290	287	-5.8
	Imports (**)	3,147	3,339	3,610	3,792	3,814	5.0
	Exports (**)	4,490	5,057	5,268	5,310	5,244	4.1
<u>CLOTHING</u> (NACE 453-4)	Employment	30,332	30,640	31,627	29,475	27,160	-2.6
	Number of enterprises	1,472	1,443	1,443	1,443	1,443	-2.0
	Turnover	1,237	1,455	1,647	1,726	1,856	10.8
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	323	388	426	453	469	9.9
	Investment (*)	34	36	36	36	36	5.9
	Imports (**)	1,398	1,569	1,884	2,034	2,230	12.5
	Exports (**)	839	983	1,211	1,315	1,414	14.1

**Notes:**

Values: Mn ECU; Turnover &amp; Value Added are in constant prices (1985=100)

(\*): Data for enterprises with more than 20 employees only; (\*\*): Foreign trade data includes Luxembourg.

f.c. = at factor cost

NACE 43 includes the knitting industry

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**Luxembourg**

Industry	All enterprises	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	AAR (%)
<b>TEXTILES and CLOTHING</b> (NACE 43+453-55)	Employment	942	920	926	926	926	-0.8
	Number of enterprises	67	65	72	72	72	3.9
	Turnover	86	148	161	161	161	40.1
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	...	...	...	...	...	
	Investment (*)	47	5	13	13	13	30.1
	Imports	...	...	...	...	...	
	Exports	...	...	...	...	...	
<b>TEXTILES</b> (NACE 43 + 455)	Employment	523	512	526	526	526	0.3
	Number of enterprises	21	21	21	21	21	
	Turnover	81	143	156	156	156	42.7
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	...	...	...	...	...	
	Investment (*)	47	5	13	13	13	35.3
	Imports	...	...	...	...	...	
	Exports	...	...	...	...	...	
<b>CLOTHING</b> (NACE 453-4)	Employment	419	408	400	400	400	-2.3
	Number of enterprises	46	44	51	51	51	5.8
	Turnover	5.1	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.7	-4.0
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	...	...	...	...	...	
	Investment (*)	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	8.3
	Imports	...	...	...	...	...	
	Exports	...	...	...	...	...	

**Notes:**

Values: Mn ECU; Turnover &amp; Value Added are in constant prices (1985=100)

(\*) : Data for enterprises with more than 20 employees only.

f.c. = at factor cost

NACE 43 includes the knitting industry

TABLE 7

## The structure of the textile &amp; clothing industry 1988 - 1992

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## Denmark

Industry	All enterprises	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	AAR (%)
<u>TEXTILES</u> and <u>CLOTHING</u> (NACE 43+453-55)	Employment	24,821	23,617	22,319	21,194	20,337	-4.9
	Number of enterprises	1,224	1,139	1,022	948	948	-6.1
	Turnover	1,756	1,681	1,577	1,567	1,585	-2.5
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	464	389	431	434	401	-3.1
	Investment	103	114	91	74	74	-9.4
	Imports	1,436	1,504	1,625	1,952	1,950	8.2
	Exports	990	1,043	1,179	1,326	1,433	9.7
<u>TEXTILES</u> (NACE 43 + 455)	Employment	15,958	15,136	13,836	12,976	12,562	-5.8
	Number of enterprises	698	670	607	545	545	-5.9
	Turnover	1,246	1,200	1,085	1,079	1,085	-3.3
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	358	286	292	292	269	-6.5
	Investment	84	92	67	62	62	-8.4
	Imports	1,025	1,056	1,101	1,283	1,329	6.9
	Exports	773	797	876	940	1,035	7.6
<u>CLOTHING</u> (NACE 453-4)	Employment	8,863	8,481	8,483	8,218	7,775	-3.2
	Number of enterprises	526	469	415	403	403	-8.4
	Turnover	510	481	492	488	500	-0.4
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	106	103	139	142	132	6.8
	Investment	19	22	24	12	12	-8.4
	Imports	411	448	524	669	621	11.6
	Exports	217	246	303	386	398	16.8

**Notes:**

Values: Mn ECU; Turnover &amp; Value Added are in constant prices (1985=100)

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## Germany

Industry	All enterprises	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	AAR (%)
<u>TEXTILES</u> and <u>CLOTHING</u> (NACE 43+453-55)	Employment	479,881	478,553	468,188	459,787	425,733	-2.9
	Number of enterprises	33,649	33,714	33,090	32,720	32,351	-1.0
	Turnover	29,026	30,748	32,037	33,410	31,371	2.1
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	8,602	8,790	8,995	9,513	8,943	1.1
	Investment (*)	1,112	1,187	1,302	1,224	1,104	0.2
	Imports	18,898	20,733	23,906	28,360	27,710	10.3
	Exports	12,176	13,721	14,608	15,296	15,866	6.9
<u>TEXTILES</u> (NACE 43 + 455)	Employment	260,794	260,310	254,540	251,233	236,606	-2.4
	Number of enterprises	8,801	8,931	8,880	8,510	8,141	-1.9
	Turnover	18,721	19,807	20,570	21,559	20,554	2.4
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	5,902	5,991	6,144	6,496	6,178	1.2
	Investment (*)	947	988	1,104	1,026	906	-0.7
	Imports	11,563	12,436	13,995	16,521	16,841	10.0
	Exports	9,191	10,236	10,731	11,165	11,481	5.8
<u>CLOTHING</u> (NACE 453-4)	Employment	219,087	218,243	213,648	208,554	189,127	-3.5
	Number of enterprises	24,848	24,783	24,210	24,210	24,210	-1.3
	Turnover	10,305	10,941	11,467	11,851	10,817	1.4
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	2,700	2,799	2,851	3,017	2,765	0.7
	Investment (*)	165	199	198	198	198	10.1
	Imports	7,335	8,297	9,911	11,839	10,869	11.0
	Exports	2,985	3,485	3,877	4,131	4,385	10.2

**Notes:**

Values: Mn ECU; Turnover &amp; Value Added are in constant prices (1985=100)

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The data for Germany covers former West Germany only, except for import &amp; export data from 1991.

TABLE 9

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## Greece

Industry	All enterprises	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	AAR (%)
<u>TEXTILES</u> and <u>CLOTHING</u> (NACE 43+453-55)	Employment	96,378	95,076	88,038	82,397	79,642	-4.6
	Number of enterprises	2,010	1,992	1,989	1,905	1,905	-1.8
	Turnover	3,403	3,468	3,441	3,491	3,483	0.6
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	762	709	707	669	621	-4.9
	Investment (*)	191	176	148	148	148	-11.9
	Imports	740	1,111	1,274	1,320	1,369	18.0
	Exports	1,180	1,494	1,559	1,634	1,670	9.5
<u>TEXTILES</u> (NACE 43 + 455)	Employment	57,402	55,699	49,323	46,095	44,419	-6.1
	Number of enterprises	871	862	804	720	720	-6.1
	Turnover	2,672	2,700	2,626	2,604	2,528	-1.4
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	554	497	486	443	403	-7.6
	Investment (*)	164	151	116	116	116	-15.6
	Imports	654	950	1,076	1,093	1,109	15.4
	Exports	905	1,151	1,181	1,232	1,278	9.5
<u>CLOTHING</u> (NACE 453-4)	Employment	38,976	39,377	38,715	36,302	35,223	-2.5
	Number of enterprises	1,139	1,130	1,185	1,185	1,185	2.0
	Turnover	731	768	815	887	955	6.9
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	208	212	221	226	218	1.2
	Investment (*)	27	25	32	32	32	10.3
	Imports	86	161	198	227	260	34.8
	Exports	275	343	378	402	392	9.7

## Notes:

Values: Mn ECU; Turnover &amp; Value Added are in constant prices (1985=100)

(\*) : Data for enterprises with more than 20 employees only.

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## Spain

Industry	All enterprises	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	AAR (%)
<u>TEXTILES</u> and <u>CLOTHING</u> (NACE 43+453-55)	Employment	346,617	334,330	325,873	313,150	294,550	-4.0
	Number of enterprises	16,419	18,298	17,958	17,868	17,599	1.9
	Turnover (**)	8,948	9,269	9,305	8,789	8,825	-0.3
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	3,344	3,636	3,697	3,405	3,380	0.4
	Investment	313	325	286	276	263	-4.1
	Imports	1,197	1,817	2,390	3,243	3,826	34.2
	Exports	1,654	1,762	1,891	1,967	2,054	5.6
<u>TEXTILES</u> (NACE 43 + 455)	Employment	197,617	192,330	187,873	180,062	169,790	-3.7
	Number of enterprises	7,661	8,402	8,062	7,972	7,703	0.3
	Turnover (**)	6,074	6,369	6,085	5,792	5,803	-1.1
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	2,153	2,436	2,370	2,194	2,210	0.9
	Investment	272	252	216	206	193	-8.1
	Imports	906	1,342	1,644	2,116	2,344	27.5
	Exports	1,313	1,378	1,484	1,548	1,599	5.1
<u>CLOTHING</u> (NACE 453-4)	Employment	149,000	142,000	138,000	133,088	124,760	-4.3
	Number of enterprises	8,758	9,896	9,896	9,896	9,896	13.0
	Turnover (**)	2,874	2,900	3,220	2,997	3,022	1.5
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	1,191	1,200	1,327	1,211	1,170	-0.2
	Investment	41	73	70	70	70	37.0
	Imports	291	475	746	1,127	1,482	50.7
	Exports	341	384	407	419	455	7.5

**Notes:**

Values: Mn ECU; Turnover &amp; Value Added are in constant prices (1985=100)

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(\*\*): Turnover is based on data for production

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### France

Industry	All enterprises	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	AAR (%)
<u>TEXTILES and CLOTHING</u> (NACE 43+453-55)	Employment	393,370	379,117	363,676	351,233	332,472	-4.1
	Number of enterprises	15,293	14,979	16,620	16,943	16,871	2.6
	Turnover	25,555	26,149	28,799	29,106	29,545	3.8
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	7,044	6,488	7,313	7,184	7,090	0.4
	Investment	898	941	1,035	953	950	1.6
	Imports	9,364	10,643	11,716	12,151	12,571	7.7
	Exports	6,948	8,033	8,501	8,577	8,916	6.6
<u>TEXTILES</u> (NACE 43 + 455)	Employment	211,083	204,402	188,926	181,498	170,991	-5.1
	Number of enterprises	5,077	5,080	5,048	5,102	5,030	-0.2
	Turnover	16,012	16,513	17,344	17,544	17,790	2.7
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	4,729	4,327	4,612	4,591	4,572	-0.7
	Investment	677	689	749	681	678	0.2
	Imports	6,638	7,393	7,925	8,058	8,228	5.6
	Exports	5,129	5,780	5,935	5,987	6,177	4.9
<u>CLOTHING</u> (NACE 453-4)	Employment	182,287	174,715	174,750	169,735	161,481	-3.0
	Number of enterprises	10,216	9,899	11,572	11,841	11,841	5.4
	Turnover	9,543	9,636	11,455	11,562	11,755	5.6
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	2,315	2,161	2,701	2,593	2,518	2.9
	Investment	221	252	286	272	272	7.5
	Imports	2,726	3,250	3,791	4,093	4,343	12.5
	Exports	1,819	2,253	2,566	2,590	2,739	11.1

**Notes:**

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**Ireland**

Industry	All enterprises	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	AAR (%)
<u>TEXTILES and CLOTHING</u> (NACE 43+453-55)	Employment	22,521	22,177	22,445	21,672	21,131	-1.6
	Number of enterprises	480	481	488	495	495	1.0
	Turnover	901	938	920	902	913	0.4
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	296	308	310	305	313	1.4
	Investment	49	50	50	50	50	1.2
	Imports	1,008	1,086	1,160	1,211	1,232	5.2
	Exports	659	698	736	791	803	5.1
<u>TEXTILES</u> (NACE 43 + 455)	Employment	11,598	11,662	11,706	11,375	11,160	-0.9
	Number of enterprises	232	233	240	247	247	2.1
	Turnover	598	651	627	633	646	2.0
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	182	201	200	202	207	3.4
	Investment	40	39	39	39	39	-2.5
	Imports	696	739	783	798	799	3.5
	Exports	491	535	563	619	623	6.2
<u>CLOTHING</u> (NACE 453-4)	Employment	10,923	10,515	10,739	10,297	9,971	-2.2
	Number of enterprises	248	248	248	248	248	0.0
	Turnover	303	287	293	269	267	-3.0
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	114	107	110	103	106	-1.7
	Investment	9	11	11	11	11	17.0
	Imports	312	347	377	413	433	8.6
	Exports	168	163	173	172	180	1.8

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## Italy

Industry	All enterprises	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	AAR (%)
<u>TEXTILES</u> and <u>CLOTHING</u> (NACE 43+453-55)	Employment	804,473	776,225	763,898	739,152	718,123	-2.8
	Number of enterprises	49,827	55,524	55,424	55,172	53,940	2.1
	Turnover	53,771	58,716	58,348	58,535	60,074	2.9
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	10,372	10,547	10,587	10,631	10,746	0.9
	Investment (*)	1,801	1,775	1,721	1,704	1,479	-4.7
	Imports	5,761	6,627	6,783	7,230	7,495	6.9
	Exports	13,474	15,154	16,324	16,506	16,718	5.6
<u>TEXTILES</u> (NACE 43 + 455)	Employment	475,813	476,849	469,911	463,889	447,208	-1.5
	Number of enterprises	28,541	29,745	29,645	29,393	28,161	-0.3
	Turnover	35,006	36,737	36,860	37,077	37,496	1.7
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	7,346	7,209	7,406	7,457	7,392	0.2
	Investment (*)	1,491	1,476	1,380	1,426	1,266	-3.8
	Imports	4,725	5,406	5,413	5,350	5,210	2.7
	Exports	9,736	10,581	11,212	11,437	11,645	4.6
<u>CLOTHING</u> (NACE 453-4)	Employment	328,660	299,376	293,987	275,263	270,915	-4.7
	Number of enterprises	21,286	25,779	25,779	25,779	25,779	21.1
	Turnover	18,765	21,979	21,488	21,458	22,578	5.0
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	3,026	3,338	3,181	3,174	3,354	2.8
	Investment (*)	310	299	341	278	213	-7.8
	Imports	1,036	1,221	1,370	1,880	2,285	22.2
	Exports	3,738	4,573	5,112	5,069	5,073	8.3

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## The Netherlands

Industry	All enterprises	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	AAR (%)
<u>TEXTILES</u> and <u>CLOTHING</u> (NACE 43+453-55)	Employment	31,755	31,626	30,685	31,121	30,418	-1.1
	Number of enterprises	569	593	577	581	581	0.7
	Turnover	2,641	2,716	2,739	2,829	2,743	1.0
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	785	819	848	832	773	-0.3
	Investment (*)	115	139	138	134	134	5.8
	Imports	5,476	5,845	6,504	7,076	7,127	6.9
	Exports	3,253	3,616	3,940	4,180	4,239	6.9
<u>TEXTILES</u> (NACE 43 + 455)	Employment	23,005	23,323	22,504	23,082	22,623	-0.4
	Number of enterprises	432	450	442	446	446	1.1
	Turnover	2,098	2,178	2,185	2,256	2,172	0.9
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	631	670	693	685	637	0.4
	Investment (*)	107	119	119	115	115	2.6
	Imports	3,436	3,618	3,985	4,325	4,409	6.5
	Exports	2,437	2,659	2,828	2,950	2,973	5.1
<u>CLOTHING</u> (NACE 453-4)	Employment (*)	8,750	8,303	8,181	8,039	7,795	-2.8
	Number of enterprises (*)	137	143	135	135	135	-0.6
	Turnover (*)	543	538	554	573	571	1.3
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	154	149	155	147	136	-3.0
	Investment (*)	8	20	19	19	19	72.5
	Imports	2,040	2,227	2,519	2,751	2,718	7.6
	Exports	816	957	1,112	1,230	1,266	11.8

**Notes:**

Values: Mn ECU; Turnover &amp; Value Added are in constant prices (1985=100)

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## Portugal

Industry	All enterprises	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	AAR (%)
<u>TEXTILES and CLOTHING</u> (NACE 43+453-55)	Employment	289,179	307,202	306,151	290,671	263,833	-2.1
	Number of enterprises	9,724	10,084	10,881	10,574	10,508	2.0
	Turnover (**)	4,813	4,006	4,242	4,182	4,062	-3.8
	Value added (m.p.) (*)	777	729	768	767	723	-1.7
	Investment	267	290	290	290	290	8.6
	Imports	995	1,189	1,500	1,735	1,899	17.7
	Exports	2,819	3,329	3,775	3,954	4,082	9.9
<u>TEXTILES</u> (NACE 43 + 455)	Employment	174,415	171,629	166,215	155,040	136,311	-5.9
	Number of enterprises	3,701	3,779	4,576	4,269	4,203	3.7
	Turnover (**)	3,133	2,869	3,071	3,005	2,884	-0.9
	Value added (m.p.) (*)	596	547	587	582	534	-0.4
	Investment	236	255	255	255	255	8.1
	Imports	912	1,075	1,333	1,493	1,590	15.1
	Exports	1,887	2,189	2,434	2,548	2,677	9.2
<u>CLOTHING</u> (NACE 453-4)	Employment	114,764	135,573	139,936	135,631	127,522	3.1
	Number of enterprises	6,023	6,305	6,305	6,305	6,305	4.7
	Turnover (**)	1,680	1,137	1,171	1,177	1,178	-7.2
	Value added (m.p.) (*)	181	182	181	185	189	1.1
	Investment	31	35	35	35	35	12.9
	Imports	83	114	167	242	309	39.1
	Exports	932	1,140	1,341	1,406	1,405	11.2

**Notes:**

Values: Mn ECU; Turnover &amp; Value Added are in constant prices (1985=100)

(\*) : Data for enterprises with more than 20 employees only.

(\*\*) : Turnover is based on data for production

m.p. = at market price; Value added data for textiles is based on NACE 43



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**United Kingdom**

Industry	All enterprises	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	AAR (%)
<u>TEXTILES and CLOTHING</u> (NACE 43+453-55)	Employment	493,999	470,174	434,718	395,902	369,882	-7.0
	Number of enterprises	15,640	15,649	14,628	13,778	13,778	-4.1
	Turnover	20,711	20,321	19,297	18,434	18,501	-2.8
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	7,317	7,015	6,881	6,415	6,435	-3.1
	Investment (*)	877	798	658	507	507	-16.5
	Imports	9,730	10,334	10,402	10,568	10,723	2.5
	Exports	4,794	5,044	5,314	5,507	5,637	4.1
<u>TEXTILES</u> (NACE 43 + 455)	Employment	260,370	251,258	230,013	213,322	201,995	-6.1
	Number of enterprises	6,542	6,722	6,307	5,989	5,989	-2.8
	Turnover	13,660	13,345	12,567	12,049	11,996	-3.2
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	4,687	4,472	4,305	4,146	4,136	-3.1
	Investment (*)	669	592	470	396	396	-16.0
	Imports	6,914	7,151	7,136	7,181	7,347	1.5
	Exports	3,648	3,883	3,968	3,968	4,066	2.8
<u>CLOTHING</u> (NACE 453-4)	Employment	233,629	218,916	204,705	182,580	167,887	-7.9
	Number of enterprises	9,098	8,927	8,321	7,789	7,789	-5.0
	Turnover	7,051	6,976	6,730	6,385	6,505	-2.0
	Value added (f.c.) (*)	2,630	2,543	2,576	2,269	2,299	-3.2
	Investment (*)	208	206	188	111	111	-16.9
	Imports	2,816	3,183	3,266	3,387	3,376	4.8
	Exports	1,146	1,161	1,346	1,539	1,571	8.4

**Notes:**

Values: Mn ECU; Turnover &amp; Value Added are in constant prices (1985=100)

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### III. METHODOLOGY USED

The OETH's role is the collection and analysis of statistical information relating to the sector of textiles and clothing. It has assembled information on aspects of the industry such as the recent fluctuations within the sector, its structure and its social and technological aspects.

Within this framework, the need for more reliable structural data proved to be urgent. The OETH thus decided to devote a major part of its programme of activities to this matter and, on 19 December 1991, it set up a working group consisting of experts from Eurostat<sup>1</sup>, DEBA<sup>2</sup>, DG III<sup>3</sup>, Comitextil<sup>4</sup>, ECLA<sup>5</sup> and CIRFS<sup>6</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Eurostat: Statistical Office of the European Community

<sup>2</sup> DEBA: Data for European Business Analysis

<sup>3</sup> DG III: Directorate General Industrial Affairs of the Commission of the European Community

<sup>4</sup> COMITEXTIL: Coordination Committee for the Textile Industries in the European Economic Community

<sup>5</sup> ECLA: European Clothing Association

<sup>6</sup> CIRFS: International Rayon and Synthetic Fibres Committee

## 1. Objectives and methodology of the Working Group on Structural data

The general approach of the OETH is to create a statistical information base in the first instance. Following that, more specific studies will be undertaken.

As far as the collection and improvement of data is concerned, this programme has the following general outline:

- making an inventory of sources and of existing statistics, filling the gaps;
- comparing professional with official statistics, and analysing the differences;
- launching of surveys to correct observed data;
- deciding on methods of estimating missing data in order to obtain complete data;
- generating new information on specific topics;
- creating an appropriate data bank with easy access.

Publications will be prepared on a regular basis, giving both basic information and information on specific topics. This will be done in close collaboration with Eurostat, DEBA and professional associations.

The OETH's working programme on structural data covers five areas of work:

- basic structural data;
- regional analysis;
- cost structure;
- social statistics;
- strategic information.

The Working Group's activities have concentrated mainly on basic structural data, and therefore this first publication deals exclusively with this area.

## 2. Background to the basic structural data

### 2.1 The Working Group adopted a method of working based on a framework (priorities, options), the compilation of an inventory of available sources, and on data comparison.

Initially, the exercise was carried out on data for 1988 (sources: annual and five-yearly surveys (Eurostat), SOCI<sup>1</sup>, and professional associations' reports for NACE 43 + 455 and 453 + 454, in accordance with the Community Nomenclature adopted in 1970).

Secondly, an estimation for 1989 and 1990 was carried out in order to enable the OETH to prepare an interim report sent out in October 1992 to professional associations, National Statistical Offices and Ministries of Industry.

After contributions and criticisms relating to this report had been analysed, a historical series was generated, starting in 1988, including a number of sub-sectors (NACE 3-digit).

### 2.2 The following steps were taken by the Working Group:

#### a) Establishment of a framework.

The definitions of each variable and the correspondence between NACE 70 and NACE Rev. 1 were provided by Eurostat (Annexes 2 and 3).

For this purpose the Working Group decided to apply the coverage adopted in NACE Rev.1 for textiles, by combining the existing NACE 43 and 455.

In addition, COMITEXTIL prepared a methodological document concerning the data sent to them by their members.

#### b) Inventory of available data

The Working Group made an inventory of structural data. This, together with the EC surveys of company structure and activity, and the data from professional associations, PANORAMA and the DEBA data bank (based on the annual survey), constitutes the essential statistical information base.

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<sup>1</sup>

SOCI: data bank on social statistics, DG V

### c) Comparison of sources

Eurostat has made recommendations derived from the results of a comparison of sources. Using these recommendations, and comments made on the interim report, the OETH decided on the data which seemed to it to be the most reliable in terms of cover, definition and estimating method.

## 2.3 Procedure adopted

In the course of this work it clearly emerged that there could not be a **single source** which could supply the desired data for all of the sectors of activity, countries and variables.

The question was to decide what to draw from the various sources. In order to do this, the Working Group first of all determined the **criteria** to be met in choosing between sources. On the basis of these criteria, the data were selected.

### a) Desired criteria for data-selection

Three criteria were chosen, namely:

- **intrinsic quality**
  - \* correspondence between what the data measures and what the user requires;
  - \* precision (do the data measure what they are intended to measure ?);
- **consistency with other series**
  - \* can the data be compared with those for other countries, industries and variables ?
- the most recent data available.

b) The concept of the organization of data by the OETH was based on the idea of an industry, in the sense of 'a group of companies having in common a specific main activity'. This is the concept of a sector contained in the NACE classification.

c) An examination of the main sources of data reveals the following strengths and weaknesses:

- **Eurostat data**

Eurostat has two sources of structural data.

The principal source of data is the **annual and five-yearly industrial surveys**.

Their strengths reside in the comparability and relatively complementary nature of the data. During the last two decades a major achievement has been the harmonisation of data between Member States.

Their weaknesses are due to a generally insufficient coverage (enterprises with less than 20 employees are not regularly covered), and to gaps which sometimes arise from the need for confidentiality. Moreover, recent data are often not available. This is why estimates are regularly made in the DEBA data bank.

The second source of data relates to **small and medium-sized enterprises**. These surveys provide information on the distribution of activity by size of company. The data are available at a two-digit NACE level (sometimes also at a three-digit NACE level) for recent years, but for a limited number of variables.

Their main usefulness, together with the data from the five-yearly survey, is to provide scope for estimating the number of companies, employment and turnover for enterprises employing less than 20 people.

- **Information from professional associations**

Comitextil has submitted a detailed note on the data and sources available within the textile trade, together with an analysis of the methodology adopted (see Annex 4).

The strength of these data lies in their detailed coverage (information at NACE three-digit or four-digit level), but gaps remain for certain Member States and for certain variables.

In most cases the accuracy of the data seems satisfactory. However they do not always correspond to the definitions of the variables adopted.

The data provided by ECLA relate to the main variables but at a more aggregated level than those in the upstream sectors.

The accuracy of the data seems generally satisfactory where enterprises employ more than 20 persons, but this is not the case for smaller firms.

d) **Strategy Adopted**

The **1988** data (the year of the last available five-yearly survey) were analysed first in order to decide on the sources to be used.

It was agreed that **the data from the annual Eurostat survey should be retained automatically where the differences between these data and those from the professional associations were not greater than 5% at the national level.**

In the other instances, the trade data were compared with **new estimates** made by DEBA and essentially based on the SMEs (small and medium-sized enterprises) and five-yearly surveys (this applied especially to the clothing sector), data from the professional associations and the national ministries as well.

An estimation exercise was made in a similar manner for **1988 to 1992**, on the basis of the 1988 results adopted by the OETH, together with all other factual information made available in the context of the interim report.

## IV. USERS' NOTES

1. ... data not available  
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2. All references to NACE refer to NACE 1970.

### 3. BRANCH DEFINITIONS

NACE 43	Textile industry = NACE 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439
NACE 431	Wool industry
NACE 432	Cotton industry
NACE 433	Silk industry
NACE 434	Flax, hemp and ramie
NACE 435	Jute industry
NACE 436	Knitting industry
NACE 437	Textile finishing
NACE 438	Carpets, linoleum and floor coverings
NACE 439	Miscellaneous textile industries
NACE 453	Ready-made clothing
NACE 454	Bespoke tailoring
NACE 455	Household textiles
NACE 456	Furs and fur goods

### 4. METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

NACE 43 (Textile industry) includes the knitting industry (NACE 436).

Values are in constant prices (1985 = 100). Import and export data are in current prices.

Values of exports and imports for EC-total are for extra-EC trade only. For member states extra- and intra-EC trade are included.

Foreign trade data, by NACE, include imports and exports of raw materials.

Where figures for individual countries are not available, the EC totals have been adjusted so as to be consistent from year to year.

### 5. SOURCES

#### Public sources

1. EUROSTAT
2. Relevant Ministries in member states
3. National Statistical Offices

#### Private sources

1. National Associations
2. Comitextil
3. DEBA (Data for European Business Analysis)
4. ECLA
5. OETH



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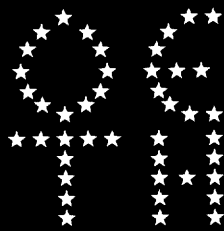
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