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## 6. TEXTILE AND APPAREL GOODS

### Mexico's main objective

- Defining clear and effective rules of origin and verification provisions aimed to ensure the correct application of tariff preferences to contribute to the development of the textile-clothing chain in Mexico.

### Benefits for Mexico

- Retain Tariff Preference Levels (TPLs) at current amounts. Few adjustments were made to the amounts for TPLs for fabric and yarn with the United States.
- Maintain free trade, with no limit on garments assembled in Mexico from fabric formed and cut in the U.S. (special regime).
- Extends the coverage of verifications to detect customs crimes and creates a Textile Committee to facilitate consultations and have greater cooperation between authorities.

### Benefits for the US (USTR)

- Certain yarns and factories are required to originate in North America, expanding the market for U.S. producers of these products.
- Updated Rules of Origin allow flexibility for inputs not generally available in North America.

### Chapter's main provisions

- Rules of origin and related matters **(Article 6.1)**.
- At the request of a country, the Parties shall consult to consider whether certain goods should be subject to different rules of origin to address issues of availability regarding the supply of fiber, yarn, or fabric in the territories of the member countries **(Article 6.4)**.
- The member countries establish a Trade Committee on Textiles and Clothing Affairs (Committee on Textiles), comprising representatives of each country's government **(Article 6.8)**.
- The United States shall not apply customs duties to textiles and clothing items that are assembled in Mexico from fully formed and cut fabrics in the United States and exported from and reimported to the United States [...] **(Annex 6-A/Section B)**.