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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notifications Under Article 4, Paragraph 4

Bilateral Agreement Between Austria and Egypt

Attached is a notification received by the Textiles Surveillance Body (TSB) from Austria in accordance with paragraph 4 of Article 4 of the Textiles Arrangement. The TSB is circulating this notification to participating countries in the Arrangement for their information. This notification will, of course, be subject to the annual review by the TSB in terms of paragraph 12 of Article 11.

Letter No. 1

Geneva, 11 April 1974

Sir,

With reference to paragraph 4 of Article 4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith copies of letters exchanged between Austria and the Arab Republic of Egypt, dated 7 March 1974 and 11 March 1974, respectively, by which an agreement regarding exports of cotton yarn from the Arab Republic of Egypt into Austria was reached between the countries concerned.

I should like to ask you to transmit these copies to the Textiles Surveillance Body.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Franz CESKA  
Acting Permanent Representative

The Austrian Embassy has the honour to refer to the negotiations which took place between a delegation of Austria and a delegation of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Geneva from 3 to 8 December 1973. As a result of these negotiations the following agreement regarding exports of cotton yarn from the Arab Republic of Egypt into Austria to be admitted under Article 4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles was reached between both countries:

- (1) The Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt will limit its exports of cotton yarn to Austria to a quantity of 100 metric tons. Within this quota the Austrian Government will not impose quantitative restrictions.
- (2) Imports of cotton yarn to Austria from the Arab Republic of Egypt for re-exportation after processing will not be included in the above-mentioned quota.
- (3) The period of this agreement will be one year from 1 January 1974 up to the end of December 1974.

Cairo, 7 March 1974

Ministry of Finance, Economy  
and Foreign Trade

Cairo

Ministry of Finance, Economy and Foreign Trade, Arab Republic of Egypt has the honour to refer to the negotiations which took place between a delegation of Austria and a delegation of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Geneva from 3 to 8 December 1973. As a result of these negotiations the following agreement regarding exports of cotton yarn from the Arab Republic of Egypt into Austria to be admitted under Article 4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles was reached between both countries.

- (1) The Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt will limit its exports of cotton yarn to Austria to a quantity of 100 metric tons. Within this quota the Austrian Government will not impose quantitative restrictions.
- (2) Imports of cotton yarn to Austria from the Arab Republic of Egypt for re-exportation after processing will not be included in the above-mentioned quota.
- (3) The period of this agreement will be one year from 1 January 1974 up to the end of December 1974.

Cairo, 11 March 1974

Austrian Embassy

Cairo

Letter No. 2

Geneva, 9 May 1974

Sir,

With reference to the Agreement between Austria and the Arab Republic of Egypt regarding exports of cotton yarn, transmitted, through the Director-General of GATT, to the Textiles Surveillance Body by letter on 11 April 1974, ref. No. 2216-A/74, I have the honour to inform you on the following differences existing between the limitation of exports of cotton textiles from the Arab Republic of Egypt into Austria which has been in effect until the end of September 1973, on the one side, and the new agreement concluded in accordance with article 4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, on the other side:

The export limitation which has been in force for the period running from 1 October 1972 to 30 September 1973, did limit exports of cotton textiles to 80 metric tons and covered cotton textiles of all kind, including therefore yarns, fabrics and finished articles, while the quantity of 100 metric tons provided for under the new agreement for the period of one year only covers cotton yarn of all counts without any subceilings.

The importation of fabrics and finished articles of cotton from the Arab Republic of Egypt into Austria is therefore, since 1 January 1974, admitted without quantitative limitations. The importation of yarns, fabrics and finished articles of other fibres than cotton is not subject to quantitative limitations either.

I should like to ask you to inform the Textiles Surveillance Body accordingly.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(signed) Rudolf Martins  
Ambassador

Letter No. 3

Geneva, 17 June 1974

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the conversation by phone you had with Mr. Gottfried DINZL, Austrian representative on the Textiles Surveillance Body, relating to the reasons underlying the agreement concluded between Austria and the Arab Republic of Egypt on cotton yarns.

I have been instructed by my authorities to convey to you the following information:

Cotton yarns imported from the Arab Republic of Egypt into Austria are chiefly yarns of high counts. The quota agreed upon under the bilateral agreement notified to the Textiles Surveillance Body equals about 17 per cent of domestic production. Such yarns are produced in Austria by a firm situated in Wiener Neustadt, Lower Austria, the town which suffered the greatest war damages of all the Austrian cities damaged during World War II and by a firm in Landeck, Tyrol. In either town the jobs afforded by the aforementioned spinning mills account for a substantial portion of industrial employment.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Rudolf Martins  
Ambassador