

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

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## ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

### Article 4 Notifications

The Textiles Surveillance Body (TSB) has received from the Government of AUSTRIA a notification of an agreement between Austria and India concerning trade in textiles. This agreement has been notified by Austria under Article 4, paragraph 4, of the Arrangement.

The TSB, pursuant to its procedure regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article 4<sup>1</sup> has examined the relevant documentation. The TSB is circulating the text of this agreement to participating countries in the Arrangement for their information.

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<sup>1</sup>See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

Letter No. 1

Vienna, 30 August 1974

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the negotiations between a delegation of Austria and a delegation of India held in Vienna on 21 June 1974.<sup>1</sup> As a result of these negotiations the following agreement concerning imports of cotton textiles into Austria under the ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES has been reached:

(1) Import quotas in metric tons for twelve-month period beginning

	<u>1 Jan. 1974</u>	<u>1 Jan. 1975</u>	<u>1 Jan. 1976</u>	<u>1 Jan. 1977</u>
<u>Category</u>				
Grey goods	455	482	511	542
Terry towels and towelling	48	51	54	57
Cotton yarn, finished fabrics, miscellaneous	225	239	253	268
Total	728	772	818	867

(2) Upon presentation of export licences issued by the Indian authorities on the basis of firm contracts for the supply of cotton textiles the competent Austrian authority will licence the corresponding import within a period of three weeks. On application by importers the validity of Austrian licences of six months may be extended four times for an additional period of three months each.

(3) An undue concentration of imports of cotton textiles from India to Austria as regards articles and/or time shall be avoided. Accordingly, the Government of India will use its influence to achieve this aim.

(4) Periodic consultations regarding the conduct of exports of cotton textiles from India to Austria will be held if so desired by either party.

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<sup>1</sup> Austria applied unilateral import measures from 1 January 1974 until this bilateral agreement was concluded. See COM.TEX/SB/16 for the levels of restraints.

I should be grateful if you would kindly confirm that this letter sets out correctly the understanding reached between both delegations.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Josef Meisl m.p.  
Acting Director-General

H.E. Mr. Amrik S. MEHTA  
Ambassador of India  
Vienna

Letter No. 2

Embassy of India  
VIENNA (Austria)

30 August 1974

Amrik S. Mehta  
Ambassador

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter No. 71.505-1/4/74 dated 30 August 1974, and to state that your letter, the text of which is reproduced below, sets out correctly the understanding reached between the delegations of India and Austria concerning the imports of cotton textiles into Austria under the ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES:

See letter No. 1

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Amrik S. Mehta m.p.  
Ambassador

Dr. Josef Meisl  
Acting Director-General  
Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry  
Vienna