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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification Under Article 2, paragraphs 2(ii) and 4

Agreement between Norway and the Republic of Korea

Attached is a notification received by the Textiles Surveillance Body (TSB) from Norway concerning an agreement with the Republic of Korea. The TSB noted that there was no specific mention in this agreement of the Article of the Arrangement under which it was concluded. Having due regard to the fact that this agreement would expire at the end of 1974, and bearing in mind the intention of the two parties concerned to conclude a new agreement under Article 4 for the year 1975, the TSB decided to circulate this agreement to the Textiles Committee as an interim arrangement under Article 2, paragraphs 2(ii) and 4 of the Arrangement.

Note No.1

Oslo, 24 May 1974

Dear Mr. Choi,

With reference to the agreement reached during the consultations between the Korean and the Norwegian delegations held in Oslo on 24 May 1974, I take pleasure in informing you that the Norwegian authorities are prepared to issue import licences up to the following amounts for the importation of textile goods shipped from the Republic of Korea from 1 January to 31 December 1974:

Fabrics	\$385,000
Other textile articles and garments	\$415,000 (limited to \$75,000 per item)

It is further the understanding that the Norwegian authorities will issue import licences on the basis of Korean export recommendations stating that the consignments in question have been debited to the agreed limits.

In the event that the Korean authorities do not fully utilize their export quotas, the Norwegian authorities will accept a carry-over not exceeding 30 per cent of the annual quota amounts.

I also take pleasure in informing you that the following import items from the Republic of Korea have been liberalized:

<u>BTN No.</u>	
5912	Textile fabrics coated or impregnated
ex 6201	Travelling rugs and blankets, of other material than cotton

Mr. Ho Joong Choi
Chairman of Korean Delegation

The following items have been transferred from the quantitative restriction list (Annex A) to the automatic licence list (Annex B) attached to this letter:

5311

Woven fabrics of wool and mixture
fabrics containing man-made fibres

5913

Elastic fabrics and trimmings

Please accept the assurance of my highest consideration.

Per G. Schøyen
Chairman of
Norwegian Delegation

Note No.2

24 May 1974

Dear Mr. Schøyen,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note dated 24 May 1974, which reads as follows:

(See Note No.1)

I further have the honour to confirm that the above is the understanding reached at our recent talks on this subject.

Please accept the assurance of my highest consideration.

Ho Joong Choi
Chairman of
Korean Delegation

Mr. Per G. Schøyen
Chairman of
Norwegian Delegation

ANNEX A

Products Subject to Quantitative Restrictions

<u>BTN No.</u>	<u>Description of goods</u>
ex 3902	Polyvinylchloride, unworked
ex 4011	Rubber tyres and inner tubes for motor vehicles (excluding aircraft), cycles and works-trucks except inner tubes for tractors
ex 5104	Fabrics of man-made fibres, except cord fabrics
ex 5505)	
ex 5506)	Cotton yarn, except yarn for fishing purposes
5507)	
5508)	Cotton gauze, terry towelling etc. of cotton
ex 5509	Woven fabrics of cotton except cord fabrics, gauze for dressings, with not more than 32 warp and weft threads per square cm.; unbleached fabric weighing 720 grs. or more per square metre
5607	Woven fabrics of man-made fibres (discontinuous or waste)
ex 5802	Carpets other than knotted, cotton
5805	Narrow woven fabrics
ex 6001	Knitted or crocheted fabrics, other material than containing pure silk
ex 6003	Stockings, understockings and socks, knitted or crocheted, other material than containing pure silk
ex 6004	Undergarments, knitted or crocheted, other material than containing pure silk
ex 6005	Outergarments and other articles, knitted or crocheted, other material than containing pure silk
ex 6101	Men's and boys' outer garments, except divers suits
6102	Women's, girls' and infants' outer garments
6103	Men's and boys' undergarments
6104	Women's, girls' and infants' undergarments
6109	Corsets, corset-belts, suspender-belts, brassières, braces, suspenders, garters and the like

<u>BTN No.</u>	<u>Description of goods</u>
ex 6201	Travelling rugs and blankets of cotton
6202	Bed linen, table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen; curtains and other furnishing articles
6401	Footwear with outer soles and uppers of rubber or artificial plastic material
ex 6402	Footwear with outer soles of leather, of composition leather, of rubber or of artificial plastic material (other than footwear falling within No. 64.01) with uppers of textile fabric falling within chapters 50-52 and footwear with uppers of other materials than leather, composition leather and furskins
6911)	Tableware etc. of porcelain or china or other kinds of pottery
6912)	
ex 8209)	Knives, spoons, forks (kitchen and tableware)
ex 8214)	
ex 8525	Insulators of ceramic material

ANNEX B

Products Subject to Automatic Licensing

<u>BTN No.</u>	<u>Description of goods</u>
5605	Yarn of man-made fibres (discontinuous or waste)
ex 5809	Tulle and net fabrics, hand or mechanically made lace, of cotton
5908	Textile fabrics, rubberized
6204	Tarpaulins, sails, awnings, sunblinds, tents and camping goods
ex 8406	Internal combustion piston engines; excluding outboard motors and parts for motor vehicles
ex 8515	Radio and television reception apparatus
ex 8709	Motor-cycles, autocycles, and cycles fitted with an auxiliary motor, with a cylinder capacity of not more than 245 cc.
ex 9211	Tape-recorders and wire-recorders
ex 9707	Fishing rods
ex 9801	Buttons
9802	Slide fasteners and parts thereof
5311	Woven fabrics of wool and mixture fabrics containing man-made fibres
5913	Elastic fabrics and trimmings

RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS

In the course of the annual trade consultations between the Norwegian and Korean delegations held in Oslo on 24 May 1974, the Korean delegation requested that the Republic of Korea be removed from the list II area, and that the Norwegian Government expedite its liberalization of the importation of Korean goods by reducing the number of items to be covered by the present Arrangement between the Kingdom of Norway and the Republic of Korea, such as BTN Nos. ex 39.02, ex 40.11, 69.11, 69.12, and ex 85.25, listed in Annex A attached to the letter of 24 May 1974 from the chairman of the Norwegian delegation to the chairman of the Korean delegation.

The Norwegian delegation took note of the Korean request and declared its readiness to submit the matter to the Norwegian authorities concerned for further study and to inform the Korean Government of the Norwegian position at the next consultations.

Upon request from the Korean delegation, the Norwegian delegation declared that applications for import licences for Korean goods other than textiles falling within the Norwegian system of quantitative restrictions on imports would be considered favourably within reasonable quantities without however being able to commit themselves to any obligations beforehand.

During the consultations both parties expressed an eager interest in promoting and diversifying trade between the two countries in various fields. They also stressed the mutual interest in exploring the possibilities of economic co-operation in the fields of shipbuilding, ships' gear, oil-drilling equipment and fisheries.

Oslo, 24 May 1974

Per G. Schøyen
Chairman
Norwegian Delegation

Ho Joong Choi
Chairman
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