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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Article 3 Notifications

Agreement between Norway and Hong Kong

The TSB has received from the Government of NORWAY a notification of an agreement between Norway and Hong Kong concerning trade in certain textile items. This agreement has been notified by Norway under Article 3, paragraph 4, of the Arrangement.

The TSB has examined the relevant documentation, and has found that this agreement is in conformity with the provisions of the Article under which it is notified, as well as with the other provisions of the Arrangement.

The TSB is circulating this notification to participating countries in the Arrangement for their information.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Introduction

1. This Memorandum of Understanding sets out the arrangements that have been agreed between the Governments of Norway and of Hong Kong regarding the limits that the Government of Hong Kong are to apply to exports of certain textile products for importation into Norway.

2. In reaching agreement on these arrangements, both Governments have had regard to the provisions of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, in particular to Articles 1 and 3 of that Arrangement.

Coverage

3. These arrangements apply to Hong Kong's exports to Norway of the textile products listed in the Annex to this Memorandum.

Restraint period

4. These arrangements will apply from 1 July 1974 to 30 June 1975.

Restraint limits

5. The Government of Hong Kong will restrict exports to the category limits listed in column (d) of the Annex; save as provided for in paragraphs 7 and 8.

6. The Government of Norway will not admit imports of the textile products of Hong Kong origin listed in the Annex unless such imports are covered by a Hong Kong export licence endorsed by the Commerce and Industry Department, Hong Kong, that the consignments concerned have been debited to the agreed limits.

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7. Exports may exceed the limits for any category by not more than 7 per cent provided that corresponding reductions are applied in other categories. For the purpose of calculating such corresponding reductions, the conversion factors listed in column (e) of the Annex shall apply.

Carryover and carry forward

8. If in the period 1 March 1973 to 30 June 1974 exports from Hong Kong to Norway covered by the Memorandum of Understanding of 15 March 1973 are less than

the agreed levels in column (c) of the Annex thereto, the Government of Hong Kong may, after consultation between the Government of Hong Kong and the Government of Norway, approve the export of amounts equivalent to such shortfalls reduced proportionately to levels for the period covered by this Memorandum or by 10 per cent of the limits in column (d) of the Annex of this Memorandum whichever is the less (carryover), provided that such exports are in the categories where the shortfalls occurred. The Government of Hong Kong may, after consultation between the Government of Hong Kong and the Government of Norway, approve the export of amounts in excess of the agreed levels in column (d) of the Annex to this Memorandum up to 5 per cent (carry forward). The carryover and carry forward taken together shall not exceed 10 per cent of the agreed levels in column (d) of the Annex to this Memorandum. Where the agreed levels are increased by carry forward, corresponding deductions shall be made from any limits which may be agreed in respect of the same categories in the immediately following restraint period.

Re-exports

9. The Government of Norway will, so far as possible, inform the Government of Hong Kong when imports into Norway of garments that have been debited to the agreed limits are subsequently re-exported from Norway. The Government of Hong Kong may then credit the quantities involved to the appropriate limits.

Exchange of statistics

10. The Government of Hong Kong will provide the Government of Norway with fortnightly statistics of the textile products listed in the Annex licensed for export to Norway and debited to the quantities set out in column (d) of the Annex.

11. The Government of Norway will, so far as possible provide the Government of Hong Kong with quarterly statistics of total imports and of imports from other significant suppliers of each of the textile products listed in the Annex.

Consultation

12. The Governments of Norway and Hong Kong agree to consult together, at the request of either party, on any matter arising from the implementation of these arrangements.

13. If the Government of Hong Kong considers that, as a result of the restraint imposed by these arrangements, Hong Kong is being placed in an equitable position vis-à-vis a third country, the Government of Hong Kong may request the Government of Norway to consult with a view to appropriate remedial action such as a reasonable modification of these arrangements.

General

14. The Annex to this Memorandum shall be considered an integral part of it.

For the Government of
Norway

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For the Government of
Hong Kong

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Signed at Hong Kong
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ANNEX

Category No. (a)	Hong Kong statistical classification number (b)	Description (c)	Annual limit (pcs.) (d)	Square yards equivalent of one dozen (e)
(1)	ex 841 439 ex 841 841 ex 841 442 ex 841 844	Briefs, drawers, panties, under- shorts and the like, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rub- berized, wholly or mainly of cotton or man-made fibres, men's and boys' wear, and briefs, drawers, panties, under-shorts and the like, wholly or mainly of cotton or continuous syn- thetic fibres, women's and girls' wear	3,200,000	8.13
(2)	841 163 ex 841 764	Dress shirts, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton or discontinuous syn- thetic fibres, men's and boys' wear	663,255	22.19
(3)	841 137 ex 841 739	Blouses and jumpers, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton or dis- continuous synthetic fibres, not embroidered, women's and girls' wear	468,945	14.53
(4)	ex 841 117 ex 841 146	Slacks, jeans and trousers (except shorts) not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, men's and boys', and women's and girls' wear	842,400	17.80