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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Article 3 Notifications

Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Korea

The TSB has received from the European Economic Community a notification of measures agreed as a result of consultations between the Community and the Republic of Korea concerning trade in certain textile items. This agreement has been notified by the EEC under Article 3 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.

AGREED RECORD OF DISCUSSION
BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND THE
REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Present:

Community delegation

B. Meynell	Director, European Commission
C. Paoli	Head of Division, European Commission
A. Sutton	Administrator, European Commission
C. O'Connor	Department of Industry and Commerce, Dublin
S. O'Donnell	Irish Permanent Representation, Brussels
M. McInerney	Department of Industry and Commerce, Dublin

Korean delegation

M. Chong Sang Park	Counsellor, Korean Mission to European Communities
M. Byung Il Nan	Commercial Attaché, Korean Mission to European Communities
M. Kil Yong Um	Commercial Attaché, Korean Mission to European Communities

The meeting took place in pursuance to the request for consultations (under Article 3 of the Arrangement concerning International Trade in Textiles) put forward in the note verbale by the Directorate General for External Relations of 6 January 1975.

It was noted that the Korean Government considered that measures were needed to avoid disruption in the Irish market. It was further noted that the Community and Korea would shortly be undertaking negotiations under Article 4 of the MFA but that meanwhile it was desirable to co-operate immediately on a bilateral emergency basis as provided for in paragraph 6 of Article 3.

Having regard to the provisions of the MFA, and in the light of statistical information exchanged in the course of discussions, the Commission representative indicated that the following autonomous measures were contemplated under Community regulations in force.

- (i) Imports into Ireland of the products shown below would be made subject to the production of an import authorization, and the total quantities imported during the period 1 March 1975 to 31 August 1975 should not exceed the following quantities:

ex 60.04	Men's and boys' knitted synthetic shirts	(
	Women's and girls' knitted synthetic shirts	(7,750 dozen
	Knitted cotton shirts	(
ex 61.03	Men's and boys' shirts of synthetic fibres	(
		(6,250 dozen
ex 61.04	Women's and girls' shirts of synthetic fibres	(

- (ii) Import authorizations would be issued by the competent Community authorities in Ireland, subject to the above limits, against the presentation of an export visa, issued by the competent Korean authorities.

In practice this means that the Irish authorities will issue authorizations automatically upon presentation of the Korean export visa.

Subject to production of the relevant documentation, goods actually shipped from Korea with Ireland as destination before 14 February 1975 would not be taken into account in the above-mentioned levels.

The Korean representative indicated his authorities' willingness to co-operate in the implementation of the above arrangements.

Following a suggestion by the Korean representative, the Commission representative indicated that, if so requested by the Korean authorities, arrangements would be made to enable transfer between the items subject to import restriction into Ireland within the limit of 10 per cent of the quota to which the transfer was to be made.

Further discussion revealed the possible risk of evasion through changing of customs classifications. It was agreed that this problem, if encountered, should be dealt with rapidly in a co-operative spirit. The Commission representative indicated that the Community authorities in Ireland would take special care to ensure that such evasion did not occur, particularly by the re-classification of shirts as blouses ex 60.05 and ex 61.02.

Finally, it was acknowledged on both sides that the interim emergency arrangements referred to above would be terminated upon the conclusion of an Article 4 bilateral agreement between the Community and Korea.

Brussels, 13 February 1975

REGULATION (EEC) No 766/75 OF THE COUNCIL

of 25 March 1975

setting up a system of licences for imports into Ireland of certain textile products originating in the Republic of Korea

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 113 thereof ;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1439/74 of 4 June 1974 on common rules for imports, and in particular Articles 12 and 13 thereof ;

After consultations with the Advisory Committee set up under Article 5 of that Regulation ;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ;

Whereas imports originating in the Republic of Korea on to the Irish market have not previously been subject to restrictions ; whereas the Irish authorities have recently recorded a sharp and substantial increase in imports of shirts of all fibres from that country ;

Whereas the products concerned are offered for sale on the Irish market at prices substantially below those prevailing on that market for goods similar or of comparable quality ;

Whereas in 1974 imports of such products greatly exceeded imports of similar products from all other sources outside the European Economic Community and likewise exceeded the 1973 volume of imports of similar products originating in that same country ;

Whereas the aforementioned sharp substantial increase in imports of shirts originating in the Republic of Korea has had deleterious effects on the employment situation in the shirtmaking industry in

Ireland since the latter half of 1974 with an acceleration in the rate of unemployment, increased short-time working and threats of permanent closure for many factories ;

Whereas the Arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles to which the European Economic Community and the Republic of Korea are both party provides particularly in Article 3, for consultations to be held with a view to removing market disruption caused by imports of certain textile products ;

Whereas the Community has requested and held consultations with representatives of the Government of the Republic of Korea in accordance with Article 3 (3) of the aforesaid Arrangement ;

Whereas it appears from the factors indicated above and from the statistics and other information supplied by the Irish authorities in the course of the consultations mentioned above that the Irish market is being disrupted by imports of shirts originating in the Republic of Korea ;

Whereas, during the said consultations the representatives of the Government of the Republic of Korea indicated their willingness to cooperate in order to avoid disruption on the Irish market ;

Whereas a further sharp substantial increase in imports of shirts originating in the Republic of Korea is believed to be imminent, and failure to take immediate protective action would result in further injury to the Irish textile industry in general and to Irish producers of like or directly competing products in particular, which would be difficult to remedy ;

Whereas, in view of the need to take measures urgently, the Commission has adopted, pursuant to Article 12 of Regulation (EEC) No 1439/74, Regulation (EEC) No 434/75 of 21 February 1975, providing for a system of import authorizations with respect to imports into Ireland of certain textile products originating in the Republic of Korea; whereas, the Council should adopt appropriate measures pursuant to the aforementioned Article 12;

Whereas, given that the threat of substantial injury is due to imports intended for the Irish market, and in view of existing patterns of trade, it appears justified at present to restrict the application of the protective measures to the imports in question,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Imports into Ireland of the products listed below, originating in the Republic of Korea, shall be subject to the production of an import licence, to be issued by the competent Irish authorities on presentation of an export visa issued by the competent authorities of the Republic of Korea. The total quantities of such products for which import licences are issued during the period 1 March 1975 to 31 August 1975 shall not exceed the figures shown for such products.

CCT heading No	Description	Total quantities (dozens)
ex 60.04	Men's and boys' knitted or crocheted shirts of synthetic textile fibres	7 750
	Women's and girls' knitted or crocheted shirts of synthetic textile fibres	
	Knitted or crocheted cotton shirts	
ex 61.03	Men's and boys' shirts of synthetic textile fibres	6 250
ex 61.04	Women's and girls' shirts of synthetic textile fibres	

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 25 March 1975.

For the Council

The President

R. RYAN