

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

### Article 3 Notifications

#### Agreement between Austria and Hong Kong

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from the Government of Austria notification of an agreement concluded with Hong Kong 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 countries participating in the Arrangement for their information.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Introduction

1. This Memorandum of Understanding sets out the arrangements that have been agreed between Austria and Hong Kong regarding the limit that Hong Kong shall apply to exports of certain textile products for importation into Austria.
2. In reaching agreement on these arrangements, Austria and Hong Kong have had regard to the provisions of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, in particular to Article 3 of that Arrangement.

Coverage

3. These arrangements apply to Hong Kong's exports to Austria of the following textile products:

<u>Austrian statistical classification number</u>	<u>Hong Kong statistical classification number</u>	<u>Description</u>
(i) ex 61.03 11	ex 841 762	Shirts (other than dress shirts), not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of discontinuous synthetic fibres
(ii) ex 61.03 11	ex 841 764	Dress shirts, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of discontinuous synthetic fibres
(iii) ex 61.03 21	841 161	Shirts (other than dress shirts) not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton
(iv) ex 61.03 21	841 163	Dress shirts, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton

Restraint period

4. These arrangements will apply from 1 February 1975 to 31 January 1976.

Restraint limit

5. Hong Kong will restrict exports of the products listed in paragraph 3 above to 950,000 pieces.
6. Austria will not admit imports of the textile products of Hong Kong origin listed in paragraph 3 above unless such imports are covered by a copy of a Hong Kong export licence endorsed by the Commerce and Industry Department, Hong Kong, that the consignments concerned have been debited to the agreed limit.
7. Austria and Hong Kong recognize that there should be no undue prejudice to the interests of established suppliers or serious distortion in existing patterns of trade. In this regard Austria and Hong Kong will use their best efforts to preserve, as far as possible, the traditional channels of trade used by certain Hong Kong exporters and certain Austrian importers.

Carry over/carry forward

8. Austria and Hong Kong shall have full regard to the provisions relating to carry over and carry forward as set down in paragraph 5 of Annex B of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles.

Re-exports

9. Austria will, so far as possible, inform Hong Kong when imports into Austria of the products that have been debited to the agreed limit are subsequently re-exported from Austria. Hong Kong may then credit the quantities involved to the limit set down in paragraph 5 above.

Exchange of statistics

10. Hong Kong will provide Austria every two weeks with statistics of the textile products listed in paragraph 3 above for export to Austria and debited to the limit set down in paragraph 5 above.
11. Austria will, so far as possible, provide Hong Kong with quarterly statistics of total imports and of imports from other significant suppliers of the products listed in paragraph 3 above.

Equity

12. Austria and Hong Kong shall have full regard to the equity rights and obligations of each, arising from their participation in the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles.

Consultation

13. Austria and Hong Kong agree to consult together, at the request of either party, on any matter arising from the implementation of these arrangements.

General

14. This Memorandum of Understanding supersedes the Memorandum of Understanding signed in Vienna and Hong Kong on 9 September 1974 and 19 September 1974 respectively.

For Austria:

(signed) Rudolf Willenpart  
Director  
Vienna, 19 February 1975

For Hong Kong:

(signed) D.H. Jordan  
Director of Commerce and Industry  
Hong Kong, 27 February 1975