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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Report on Status of Restrictive Measures under Article 2, Paragraph 4

Note by the Chairman

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from the Government of SWEDEN a report on the status of the restrictive measures originally notified by it in document COM.TEX/SB/4. This report has been submitted to the TSB in accordance with Article 2, paragraph 4, of the Arrangement.

The TSB took note that restraint measures on textiles were maintained against Poland, Romania and Hungary under bilateral agreements concluded under the provisions of GATT, (including its annexes and protocols). The Swedish authorities have indicated that in negotiations regarding the future of such measures, they would give due consideration to the objectives of the Textiles Arrangement, and that they would be prepared to notify the results of such negotiations to the Chairman of the TSB for the information of participants. Also, the Swedish authorities have indicated that they are willing to consider transforming trade measures on textiles into agreements under the relevant provisions of the Arrangement by agreement between the parties concerned.

In view of the request received from Sweden the TSB concurred in an extension of the time period to permit consultations with Japan, and a progress report was requested on this by 31 October 1975.

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

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Letter No. 1

18 June 1975

Dear Mr. Wurth,

With reference to your letter of 27 March 1975 I have the honour to transmit to you enclosed a report regarding Sweden on status of restrictive measures under Article 2:4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles.

Japan is not covered by this report.¹ Information in this respect will be transmitted to you in a very near future.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) K.-G. Lagerfelt

¹See letter No. 2 attached.

Report on status of restrictive measures notified under article 2:1 of the MEF

SWEDEN

Restrictions as originally notified under article 2:1

Countries affected

Hong Kong : Type of restriction) Cf. COM.TEX/SB/4
Products affected)
Duration)

Sweden and Hong Kong have reached an article 3 agreement covering the period July 1, 1974 - June 30, 1975.

The following items were eliminated from the restraint scheme:

ex 60.05.304, 306, 504, 506	60.03.115, 116, 195, 196
61.02.301-309	61.01.10-, ex 40-, ex 90-
	61.02.ex 10-, ex 90-

(Cf. information submitted to the TSB.)

Rep. of Korea : Type of restriction) Cf. COM.TEX/SB/4
Products affected)
Duration)

Sweden and the Rep. of Korea have reached an article 3 agreement covering the periods March 1, 1974 - June 30, 1975 and July 1, 1974 - June 30, 1975.

(Cf. information submitted to the TSB.)

India : Type of restriction) Cf. COM.TEX/SB/4
Products affected)
Duration)

Sweden and India reached a provisional understanding according to article 3 prolonging the previous agreement until September 30, 1974 and then for the period October 1, 1974 - December 31, 1975. After a provisional arrangement agreed upon for the months of January and February 1975, Sweden and India reached an article 4 agreement covering the period March 1, 1975 - February 29, 1976.

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The following items were eliminated from the restraint scheme :

61.01.ex 405
61.02.ex 105
61.02.505
61.03.105

(Cf. information submitted to the TSB.)

Restrictions as originally notified under Article 2:1

Actions since notification under Article 2:1

Countries affected

Type of restriction)	cf. COM.TEX/SB/4
Products affected)	
Duration)	

Sweden and Portugal have reached an article 3 agreement covering the period July 15, 1974 - July 14, 1975, for the same products as in the previous restraint scheme.

(Cf. information submitted to the TSB.)

Type of restriction)	cf. COM.TEX/SB/4
Products affected)	
Duration)	

Sweden and Malaysia have reached an article 4 agreement covering the period March 1, 1975 - August 31, 1976.

(Cf. information submitted to the TSB.)

Type of restriction)	cf. COM.TEX/SB/4
Products affected)	
Duration)	

Sweden and Singapore have reached an article 4 agreement covering the period March 1, 1975 - February 28, 1976.

The following items were eliminated from the restraint scheme:

60.04.705, 205, 905

(Cf. information submitted to the TSB.).

Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria, German Democratic Republic, Peoples Republic of China, Soviet Union

Type of restriction)	cf. COM.TEX/SB/4
Products affected)	
Duration)	

Type of restriction)	cf. COM.TEX/SB/4/Ad 1
Products affected)	
Duration)	

) The following items have been liberalized as from January 1, 1975:

55.09.907
55.11
59.13.201-909
60.06.302-509
62.04.ex 103, 200, 303, 400, 900

The restraint system applied during 1975 is the same as during previous years. In the case of Poland, Hungary and Romania due consideration has been given to the provisions concerning quantitative restrictions contained in the protocols of Accession to the GATT of these countries as well as to the objectives of the EEA.

Restrictions as originally notified under
Article 2:1

Countries affected

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-) As envisaged in the respective long term
-) (5 years) trade agreements trade protocols
-) for 1975 have been agreed upon with
-) Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria,
-) D.R. of Germany and the Soviet Union.
-) Quota levels for imports from these
-) countries, as well as from the P.R. of
-) China, have been increased.

Taiwan

Type of restriction)
Products affected) cf. COM.TEX/SB/4/Add 1
Duration)

The current quota year covers the period
25 July 1974 - 24 July 1975.
(cf. COM.TEX/SB/49)

Letter No. 2

30 June 1975

Mr. Chairman,

In pursuance of the letter from Ambassador Lagerfult to you, dated 18 June 1975 with a report on status of restrictive measures under Article 2:4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I have the honour to inform you with regard to Japan, that informal contacts have been taken and that Sweden intends to hold consultations with Japan at the earliest possible date.

With reference to Article 2:2(ii) I therefore wish to request the concurrence of the TSB to extend the time-limit concerned by one year with respect to Japan.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Hans Colliander
Chargeé d'affaires a.i.