

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

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## ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

### Article 4 Notifications

The Textiles Surveillance Body (TSB) has received from SWEDEN a notification of an agreement between Sweden and Singapore concerning trade in textiles. This agreement has been notified by Sweden under Article 4, paragraph 4, of the Arrangement.

The TSB, pursuant to its procedure regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article 4<sup>1</sup>, has examined the relevant documentation. The TSB is circulating the text of this agreement to participating countries in the Arrangement for their information.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

<sup>2</sup>See paragraph 2 of COM.TEX/SB/116 for observations by the TSB.

Letter No. 1

Sir,

With reference to the consultations held in Singapore on 24 February-2 March 1975, regarding the exports of certain textile products from Singapore to Sweden and considering the provisions of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I have the honour to inform you that the following is the understanding of the Government of Sweden:

1. The following arrangements will apply from 1 March 1975 to 29 February 1976.
  2. The Government of Singapore will limit voluntarily exports to Sweden of the textile products, listed in Annex I to this letter to the level set out in column (d) of that Annex.
  3. The Government of Sweden will admit imports of the textile products of Singapore origin, listed in Annex I, only when such imports are covered by a certificate of origin as per specimen in Annex II<sup>1</sup>, issued by the Certificate of Origin Office of the Controller of Imports and Exports, Singapore, with an endorsement by the Department of Trade of the Ministry of Finance, Singapore, that the consignments concerned have been debited to the agreed limit.
- The date of issue of shipping documents is considered to be the date of delivery.
4. The Government of Singapore will forward to the Government of Sweden via the Embassy of Sweden in Singapore monthly statistics on a cumulative basis of the quantities of the items, listed in Annex I, for which duly endorsed certificates of origin for export to Sweden have been issued. The statistics shall reach the Government of Sweden within a period of two months from the month under reference.
  5. The Government of Sweden will forward to the Government of Singapore monthly statistics on a cumulative basis of imports from Singapore of the items, listed in Annex I. The statistics shall be forwarded to the Government of Singapore within a period of two months from the month under reference.
  6. The Government of Sweden and the Government of Singapore agree to consult each other, at the request of either, when any unforeseen problem arises from the implementation of this agreement. The Government of Sweden and the Government of

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Singapore agree furthermore to enter into consultations on the prolongation, modification or removal of the limitations before the end of the period of agreement. If consultations do not result, within a reasonable period of time, in a mutually satisfactory solution and the removal or modification of the limitations would result in serious damage to its domestic producers of like or directly competitive products, the Government of Sweden may apply limitations to the extent and for such time as may be found necessary.

7. If in the period 1 March 1974 to 28 February 1975, exports from Singapore to Sweden of items covered by group I of the agreement between the Government of Singapore and the Government of Sweden of 28 February 1974, are less than the level specified in column (d) of Annex I of the said agreement Singapore may export amounts of such items equivalent to such shortfalls during the period covered by this agreement provided that such exports do not exceed 10 per cent of the annual level specified in Annex I to this agreement.

8. This letter together with your reply will constitute an agreement between the Government of Sweden and the Government of Singapore.

I would appreciate your confirmation that the above is also the understanding of the Government of Singapore.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(signed)       Sven E. Jonsson  
                  Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of Sweden

Singapore, 26 March 1975

ANNEX I

(See clauses 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 of the letter of 26 March 1975)

Swedish tariff classification No. (a)	Description (b)	Unit of quantity (c)	Level for period 1.3.75-29.2.76 (d)
60.04.102-109 61.03.102-109	Shirts	Pieces	588,000

Letter No. 2

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date, with annexes, regarding limitation of the exports of certain textile products from Singapore to Sweden as per annexed certified true copy.

I have the honour to inform you that the understanding set forth in your letter is acceptable to the Government of Singapore and to confirm that your letter together with the present reply will constitute an agreement between the Government of Singapore and the Government of Sweden.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(signed) Ridzwan Dzafir  
Director, Department of Trade,  
Ministry of Finance,  
Republic of Singapore

Singapore, 26 March 1975