

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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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 India 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 4¹, has examined the relevant documentation. The TSB is circulating the text of this agreement to participating countries in the Arrangement for their information.²

¹See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

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

Letter No. 1

28 February 1975

Sir,

With reference to the consultations held in New Delhi from 3 February 1975-5 February 1975, regarding exports of certain textile products from India to Sweden, I have the honour to inform you that the following is the understanding of the Government of Sweden:

1. The Governments of India and Sweden having regard to the provisions of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, have agreed that the following arrangements will apply from 1 March 1975 to 29 February 1976.
2. The Government of India has agreed to limit, during the period 1 March 1975-29 February 1976, exports to Sweden of the textile product in Annex I to this letter to the level set out in column (d) of that Annex. In addition, and on an ad hoc basis, another 98,800 kgs. of the product in Annex I may be exported to Sweden during the period 1 March 1975-29 February 1976. The date of issue of shipping documents is considered to be the date of exportation.
3. The Government of Sweden will admit imports, through a system of import licences, of the textile product in Annex I when the consignments in question are covered by export certificates, as per specimen in Annex II¹, issued by the appropriate organization viz the Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council. Such export certificates imply that the consignments concerned have been debited against the agreed level for exports to Sweden.
4. If, in the period 1 February 1974 to 28 February 1975, aggregate exports from India to Sweden of the product covered by this Agreement should exceed the aggregate level of restraint for that period, plus the ad hoc quota of 50,000 kgs. (altogether 535,500 kgs.), the excess amount will be deducted from the level of restraint for the period 1 March 1975-29 February 1976.
5. Both parties regard as essential that the exports of textile goods listed in Annex I are, as far as possible, evenly spaced throughout the period of agreement. Accordingly, the Government of India undertakes to provide a procedure to achieve this.
6. The Government of India will forward to the Government of Sweden monthly statistics on a cumulative basis of the quantities of the product in Annex I, for which export certificates for export to Sweden have been issued. The statistics

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shall be forwarded to the Government of Sweden via the Embassy of Sweden in New Delhi, within a period of one month from the month under reference.

7. The Government of Sweden will forward to the Government of India via the Embassy of Sweden in New Delhi monthly statistics on a cumulative basis of the quantities of the product in Annex I, for which import licences for imports from India to Sweden have been issued. The statistics shall reach the Government of India within a period of one month from the month under reference.

8. The Government of Sweden and the Government of India 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 India agree furthermore to enter into consultations on the prolongation, modification or removal of the limitation before the end of the period of agreement.

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

Sven H. Beckius,
Head of Division,
Ministries for Foreign Affairs and Commerce

Letter No. 2

Stockholm, 28 February 1975

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date reading as follows:

(See letter No. 1)

I confirm that the letter referred to above sets out correctly the understanding reached between our two Governments.

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

(signed) A. Damodaran
 Ambassador

ANNEX I

(See paragraphs 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7
of the letter of 28 February 1975)

Swedish tariff classification No. (a)	Description (b)	Unit of quantity (c)	Level for period 1.3.75-29.2.76 (d)
62.02.105	Bedlinen ¹ , of cotton	Kilogrammes (net weight)	551,200

¹The denomination "bedlinen" refers to bedsheets, pillow cases, pillow slips, bolster or eiderdown cases, mattress covers, quilt or blanket covers.