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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Article 4 Notification

Agreement Between Norway and the Republic of Korea

The TSB has received from the Government of NORWAY a notification of a bilateral agreement between Norway and Korea concerning trade in textiles.¹ Pursuant to its procedure regarding bilateral agreements, the TSB has examined the relevant documentation and is circulating the Agreement to participating countries for their information. The TSB noted that the Agreement also covered a number of non-textile items which were not relevant for the purposes of the TSB's review.²

¹The Agreement entered into force on 12 September 1975.

²For further observations see the report of the TSB's thirteenth meeting (COM.TEX/SB/134).

Memorandum of Understanding

In connexion with the Arrangement agreed upon between the Republic of Korea and the Kingdom of Norway in 1968, the annual consultations under the Arrangement for fixing the quotas for 1975 and extending liberalization of trade between the two countries took place in Seoul from 27 June to 1 July 1975, between the Korean and Norwegian delegations.

From the Norwegian side, it was stressed that special attention has been paid to the needs of the Republic of Korea as a developing nation to expand its exports, and, furthermore, to the necessity of granting special treatment to the Republic of Korea as a new entrant to the Norwegian market.

The list of sensitive items where a real risk of market disruption may exist has been examined. As a result, the two delegations have agreed to transfer the following products from the quantitative restriction list to the automatic license list:

BTN
position No.

ex 5505)	Cotton yarn, except yarn for fishing purposes
ex 5506)	
5507)	Cotton gauze, terry towelling etc. of cotton
5508)	
ex 5802	Carpets other than knotted, cotton
ex 6001	Knitted or crocheted fabrics, other material than containing pure silk
ex 6201	Travelling rugs and blankets of cotton
6401	Footwear with outer soles and uppers of rubber or artificial plastic material other than 6401.120
ex 8525	Insulators of ceramic material

The two delegations have agreed to the following quotas in the period 1 January to 31 December 1975:

Fabrics	\$850,000
Other textile articles and garments	\$600,000 (limited to \$100,000 per item)

Both parties agreed that the yearly quotas for 1975 satisfy more than the minimum requirements of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles.

It is the understanding that the Norwegian authorities will issue import licenses automatically on the basis of Korean export recommendations stating that the consignments in question have been debited to the agreed limits.

In the event that the Korean authorities do not fully utilize their export quotas, the Norwegian authorities will accept a carry-over not exceeding 30 per cent of the annual accounts.

Both sides agreed that the following terms should be liberalized:

BTN
position No.

ex 3902	Polyvinylchloride, unworked
6401.120	Rubber boots
5605	Yarn of man-made fabrics (discontinuous or waste)
5908	Textile fabrics, rubberized
ex 8406	Internal combustion piston engines; excluding outboard motors and parts for motor vehicles
ex 9707	Fishing rods
ex 9801	Buttons
9802	Slide fasteners and parts thereof
5913	Elastic fabrics and trimmings

The list of products subject to quantitative restrictions and automatic licensing is attached to this Memorandum of Understanding as Annex A and Annex B respectively.

(signed) Christian Berg-Nielsen
Chairman
Norwegian Delegation

(signed) Dong-Whie Kim
Chairman
Korean Delegation

Seoul
1 July 1975

Annex A

Products subject to quantitative restrictions

BTN position No.	Description of goods
ex 4011	Rubber tyres and inner tubes for motor vehicles (excluding aircraft), cycles and works trucks except inner tubes for tractors
ex 5104	Fabrics of man-made fibres, except cord fabrics
ex 5509	Woven fabrics of cotton except cord fabrics, gauze for dressings, with not more than 32 warp and weft threads per square cm; unbleached fabric weighing 720 grs. or more per square metre
5607	Woven fabrics of man-made fibres (discontinuous or waste)
5805	Narrow woven fabrics
ex 6003	Stockings, under stockings and socks, knitted or crocheted, other material than containing pure silk
ex 6004	Undergarments, knitted or crocheted, other material than containing pure silk
ex 6005	Outergarments and other articles, knitted or crochated, other material than containing pure silk
ex 6101	Men's and boys' outer garments, except divers suits
6102	Women's, girls' and infants' outergarments
6103	Men's and boys' undergarments
6104	Women's, girls' and infants' undergarments
6109	Corsets, corset-belts, suspender-belts, brassiers, braces, suspenders, garters and the like
6202	Bed linen, table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen; curtains and other furnishing articles

Annex A (cont'd)

BTN Position No.	Description of goods
ex 6402	Footwear with outer soles of leather, of composition leather, of rubber or of artificial plastic material (other than footwear falling within No. 6401) with uppers of textile fabric falling within chapters 50-52 and footwear with uppers of other materials than leather, composition leather and furskins
6911) 6912)	Tableware etc., of porcelain or china or other kinds of pottery
ex 8209) 8214)	Knives, spoons, forks (kitchen and tableware)

Annex BProducts subject to automatic licensing

BTN position No.	Description of goods
ex 5505)	
ex 5506)	Cotton yarn, except yarn for fishing purpose
5507)	
5508)	Cotton gauze, terry towelling etc., of cotton
ex 5802	Carpets other than knotted, cotton
ex 5809	Tulle and net fabrics, hand or mechanically made lace, of cotton
ex 6001	Knitted or crocheted fabrics, other materials than containing pure silk
ex 6201	Travelling rugs and blankets of cotton
6204	Tarpaulins, sails, awnings, sunblinds, tents and camping goods
6401 (other than 6401.120)	Footwear with outer soles and uppers of rubber or artificial plastic material
ex 8515	Radio and television reception apparatus
ex 8525	Insulators of ceramic material
ex 8709	Motor-cycles, auto-cycles, and cycles fitted with an auxiliary motor, with a cylinder capacity of not more than 245 cc.
ex 9211	Tape-recorders and wire-recorders
5311	Woven fabrics of wool and mixture fabrics containing man-made fibres