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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Article 4 Notification

Agreement between Sweden and the Republic of Korea

The TSB has received from the Government of SWEDEN a notification of an agreement between Sweden and Korea concerning trade in textiles. This agreement has been notified by Sweden under Article 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 the agreement to participating countries in the Arrangement for their information.

¹See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

Letter No. 1

Stockholm, 21 August 1975

Sir,

With reference to the Protocol concerning the trade relations between the Government of Sweden and the Government of the Republic of Korea, signed on 15 April 1967, to the consultations held in Seoul, 29-31 May 1975 and Stockholm, 7-9 June 1975, regarding the exports of certain textile products to Sweden as well as to Article 4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles and bearing in mind particularly the provisions of Article 1 of the said Arrangement, I have the honour to inform you that the following is the understanding of the Government of Sweden:

1. The Government of Korea has agreed to limit voluntarily exports to Sweden of the textile products listed in Annex I to this letter to the levels set out in column (d) of that Annex.
2. These arrangements will apply from 1 July 1975 to 30 June 1976.
3. The agreed levels in column (d) of Annex I may be exceeded by no more than 5 per cent, provided that corresponding reductions are applied in other groups specified in that Annex. The conversion factors to be applied for the implementation of the procedure mentioned in this paragraph will be agreed upon as soon as possible through consultations at technical level by representatives of the Government of Sweden and the Government of the Republic of Korea.
4. If in the period covered by the arrangement expiring on 30 June 1975, exports from the Republic of Korea to Sweden are less than the levels specified in column (d) of Annex I to the letter of 28 June 1974, the Republic of Korea may, after technical consultation between the Government of Sweden and the Government of the Republic of Korea, export amounts equivalent to such shortfalls during the period covered by the present agreement provided that such exports:
 - (i) are in the group of limitation where the short-falls occurred;
 - (ii) do not exceed 10 per cent of the levels specified in Annex II to the above-mentioned letter of 28 June 1974, as well as of the levels of 205,500 dozen pairs for ankle socks etc., 588,750 pieces for shirts and

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136,500 pieces for blouses, not knitted or crocheted, as described in Annex I to that letter. The Government of the Republic of Korea may, after technical consultation with the Government of Sweden, approve the export of amounts in excess of the agreed levels in column (d) of Annex I to this letter up to 5 per cent. The carry-over and carry forward taken together shall not exceed 10 per cent of the agreed levels in column (d) of Annex I to this letter. Where the agreed levels are increased by carry forward, corresponding deductions shall be made from any levels which may be established in respect of the same groups in the immediately following restraint period.

5. The Government of Sweden will admit imports of the items of Korean origin, listed in Annex I, only when such imports are covered by a document ("Recommendation"), as per specimen in Annex II¹, issued by "Korean Garment Exporters' Association", "Korean Knitted Goods Exporters' Association" or "Korean Sweaters Exporters' Association", with an endorsement by the Managing Director of the respective Association that the consignments concerned have been debited to the agreed levels.
6. The date of issue of shipping documents is considered to be the date of delivery (exportation).
7. The Government of the Republic of Korea will forward to the Government of Sweden via the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Stockholm monthly statistics on a cumulative basis of the quantities by group of the items, listed in Annex I, for which "Recommendations" for exports to Sweden have been issued. The statistics shall reach the Government of Sweden within a period of two months from the month under reference.
8. The Government of Sweden will forward to the Government of the Republic of Korea via the Embassy of Sweden in Seoul monthly statistics on a cumulative basis of imports from the Republic of Korea under each group of items, listed in Annex I.
9. The Government of Sweden and the Government of the Republic of Korea 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 the Republic of Korea agree furthermore to enter into consultations on the prolongation, modification or removal of the limitations before the end of the period of the agreement. If the consultations do not result, within a reasonable period of time, in a mutually satisfactory solution and the removal

¹Not circulated.

or modification of the limitation 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.

10. This letter together with your reply will constitute an agreement between the Government of Sweden and the Government of the Republic of Korea.

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

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

(signed) Bertil Arvidson
Deputy Under-Secretary of State

Letter No. 2

Stockholm, 21 August 1975

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 21 August 1975, regarding the limitation of certain textile products from the Republic of Korea to Sweden as per the enclosed photostatic copy.

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

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

(signed) Sang Moon Chang
Ambassador

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Stockholm.

ANNEX

(See clause 1,3,4,5,7 and 8 of the letter of 21 August 1975)

Swedish tariff classification No. (a)	Description (b)	Units of quantity (c)	Level for period 1.7.75-30.6.76 (d)
1. 60.03.115 116 195 196	Ankle socks and men's half or 3/4 length socks, wholly or mainly of cotton or dis- continuous synthetic fibres	dozen pairs	215,000
2. 60.04.102-109 61.03.102-109	Shirts	pieces	614,000
3. 60.05.30- 50-	Sweaters, pullovers, slip- overs, jumpers, cardigans and the like, knitted or crocheted, men's and boys' and women's and girls' wear	pieces	5,382,000
4. 60.05. ex 70- 61.02.50-	Blouses, women's and girls' wear	pieces	403,000
5. 61.01.45- ex 90- 61.02.15- ex 90-	Jackets and anoraks, not knitted or crocheted, men's and boys' and women's and girls' wear	pieces	236,250
6. 61.01.50- 61.02.60-	Trousers, other than shorts, not knitted or crocheted, men's and boys' and women's and girls' wear	pieces	417,000