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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Bilateral Agreement between the EEC and Romania

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification from the EEC of its agreement with Romania which had been applied on a de facto basis until its formal conclusion on 2 December 1977. Under the provisions of Article 13, the said agreement could not enter into legal force until 1 January 1978, by which time the expiry date of 31 December 1977 had passed. In the light of these considerations the TSB decided to transmit the text of the agreement to the Textiles Committee for information.

BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA ON TRADE IN TEXTILE PRODUCTS

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES, of the one part,

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA, of the other part,

DESIRING to ensure the orderly and equitable development of trade in textile products between the European Economic Community, hereinafter called "the Community" and the Socialist Republic of Romania, hereinafter called "Romania",

HAVING REGARD to the provisions of the Arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles (hereinafter referred to as the "Geneva Arrangement") and in particular Article 4 thereof,

HAVING REGARD to their respective level of economic development,

HAVE DECIDED, in a spirit of mutual co-operation and in conformity with the Geneva Arrangement, to conclude this Agreement and to this end have designated as their plenipotentiaries:

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA:

WHO HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

- 1. This Agreement applies to trade between the Community and Romania in those textile products to which the Geneva Arrangement applies.
- 2. The Parties recognise and confirm that, subject to this Agreement and without prejudice to their rights and obligations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the conduct of their mutual trade in textile products shall be governed by the Geneva Arrangement in respect of the products to which the said Arrangement applies.

- 1. Subject to the satisfactory operation of this agreement, the Community, in respect of the categories of textile products listed in Annexes I and II, shall not introduce new quantitative restrictions, shall suspend the application of any in force, and shall refrain from invoking Article 3 of the Geneva Arrangement, provided that exports to the Community of such textile products originating in and coming from Romania do not exceed the quantitative limits established under this Agreement.
- 2. Romania shall establish quantitative limits on exports to the Community of textile products originating in and coming from Romania in accordance with Annex I and shall take the appropriate measures to ensure that any other quantitative limits established under this Agreement are not exceeded.

- The Community shall not object to the aforementioned quantitative limits being exceeded, in the event of additional demand developing on the market of the Community, provided that any additional quantities have previously been fixed by agreement between the Parties.
- 4. Quantities of the quota shares set out in Annex I not taken up by a Member State of the Community may be re-allocated to another Member State within the limits decided by the Community in accordance with the procedures in force in the Community. The Community will reply to any request made by Romania for such re-allocation at the latest 4 weeks after its receipt. Any re-allocation so effected need not be confined within any limits set in flexibility provisions established elsewhere in this Agreement.
- 5. All other quantitative restrictions on textile products as defined in Article 12(1) of the Geneva Arrangement which have been notified by the Community to the Textiles Surveillance Body under Article 2(1) of the Geneva Arrangement shall, except insofar as they relate to products re-imported into the Community which have been worked on or processed in Romania, be suspended as soon as possible after the conclusion of this Agreement and in any case by 31 March 1977 at the latest.
- 6. The Parties shall co-operate in implementing the measures necessary for the purpose of this Article.

ARTICLE 3

1. The Parties shall take all possible measures to ensure that traditional channels and methods of trade between them are maintained.

2. Should either Party inform the other that the application of this Agreement has given rise to difficulties regarding the maintenance of existing commercial relations between the Community and Romania, the Parties shall consult together in accordance with the procedures set out in Article 5.

- 1. Imports into the Community of textile products which are for immediate re-export or for inward processing and subsequent re-export outside the Community shall not be subject to quantitative limits established under this Agreement, provided they are entered as such under an administrative system of control in force for this purpose within the Community.
- 2. In any case where Community authorities ascertain that imports described in paragraph 1 above have been retained for consumption within the Community, the latter will notify the Romanian authorities on a quarterly basis of the amounts involved. Romania shall in such cases and at the request of the Community, charge such amounts against the quantitative limit or limits in question for the current or next following Agreement year.
- In any case where the competent authorities within the Community ascertain under an administrative system of control in force that imports of textile products to which this Agreement applies have been charged against quantitative limits established under this Agreement but subsequently re-exported outside the Community, the competent authority concerned will inform the Romanian authorities of the quantities involved and authorise imports of the same quantities which shall not be charged to the quantitative limits under the Agreement.

4. Re-imports into the Community of textile products which have been worked on or processed in Romania, and which are derived from products temporarily exported from the Community under any administrative arrangement that may be in force within the Community with respect to such trade, shall not be charged to the quantitative limits under the Agreement.

- The following Romanian textile products shall, subject to the conditions indicated hereafter, be admitted into the Community without quantitative limit:
 - (i) handloom fabrics, carpets and rugs of wool
 (containing not more than 20% by weight of other
 fibres) or of cotton (containing not more than 5%
 by weight of other fibres) being products which
 are both traditionally of the kind woven on hand looms and actually woven on a loom for which the
 motive power is provided entirely by the operators
 (that is where the three primary movements of
 weaving, namely shedding, picking and beating, are
 induced by hand or foot and no other source of
 power is used);
 - (ii) hand-knotted and hand-plaited carpets and rugs;
 - (iii) such made-up textile products of traditional
 Romanian folklore, being products made by hand in
 units of the cottage industry, as may be agreed
 upon.

2. Admission into the Community of these products without quantitative limit shall be subject to the satisfactory operation of agreed arrangements for certification.

- 1. The Parties shall enter promptly into consultations with one another, at the request of either, and in accordance with the Geneva Arrangement, on any matter concerning their mutual trade in textile products and in particular on any problems arising from the application of this Agreement. Consultations held pursuant to this Article shall be approached by the Parties in a spirit of goodwill and with a view to the conciliation of differences existing between them.
- 2. The Community may in particular, whenever conditions in its market give rise to real risks of market disruption, request consultations with Romania in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraph 5 with regard to the products listed in Annex II hereto. In the case of trade in a textile product to which this Agreement applies occuring at disruptively low prices, consultations shall be undertaken in accordance with agreed procedure. The consultation procedure referred to in this paragraph will only be resorted to sparingly and will be implemented in accordance with the principles and objectives of the Geneva Arrangement.
- 3. If imports into the Community of textile products, which, apart from their fibre composition, are products similar to those listed in Annex I and II hereto, cause real risks of market disruption, the Community may request consultations with Romania under identical conditions to those specified in paragraph 5.

- 4. If an excessive concentration of trade in any specific product within the categories listed in Annex I hereto causes a real risk of market disruption in respect of that product, the Community may request consultations with Romania under identical conditions to those specified in paragraph 5.
- 5. In those cases defined in the first sentence of paragraph 2 and in paragraphs 3 and 4, Romania shall limit, in accordance with the Community's request, exports of the products or categories of products in question, destined for the Community market or for its market in one or more of its Member States, pending a mutually satisfactory conclusion to the said consultations, at a level indicated by the Community which, at an annual rate, shall not be lower than 107% of the imports recorded for the said product or category thereof during the 12 months ending 3 months before that in which the request for consultation was made.
- 6. The request for consultations in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraph 5 shall be accompanied by a statement of the market conditions in the Community which make necessary the request for consultations.
- 7. Consultations shall be held at the request of Romania in order to review the need for the modification of any quantitative limit established under this Article, whenever market conditions which led to the establishment of such quantitative limit no longer prevail.
- 8. The Parties shall consult as soon as possible, within 30 days following the request for consultations, and shall make their best efforts to complete such consultations within 30 days of their commencement.

9. If the Parties are unable to reach agreement during the consultations provided for in this Article, either of the Parties may, as a party to the Geneva Arrangement, refer the matter to the Textiles Surveillance Body in accordance with Article 11(4) of the Geneva Arrangement. Either Party choosing to adopt such a course of action, shall immediately notify the other of its intention.

ARTICLE 7

If, having regard to the Geneva Arrangement, either Party considers that it is being placed in an inequitable position in respect of trade in textile products as compared with a third country, that Party may seek consultations with the other with a view to taking appropriate remedial action.

- 1. (a) Within any one Agreement year, unused portions of quantitative limits established under this Agreement may be transferred to another quantitative limit so established, under the conditions set out below.
 - (b) The ceiling for any specific category, as set out in Annex I hereto, may be increased, on a non-cumulative basis, by the transfer of unused portions of quantitative limits established for any other category or categories up to the levels set out below. The table of equivalences listed in Annex IV shall be applied with regard to such transfers. The maximum percentage (calculated by reference to the relevant recipient ceiling) by which any such ceiling may be exceeded shall be 7 per cent calculated by reference to the recipient category.

- 2. Portions of any quantitiative limit established under this Agreement which are not used during any Agreement year may be carried over and added to the corresponding quantitative limit in the following Agreement year, within 10% of the latter limit.
- 3. Within a limit of 10% of each of the quantitative limits established under this Agreement, advance deliveries may be authorized from the corresponding quantitative limit established for the following Agreement year. Amounts delivered in advance shall be deducted from the quantitative limits for the products in question for the following Agreement year.
- 4. The preceding flexibility provisions shall not, in any given Agreement year, result in a quantitative limit for any category being exceeded by more than 15% of the quantitative limit for that category for that Agreement year.
- 5. The flexibility provisions contained in this Article may be applied by Romania only after written notification to the Community.

ARTICLE 9

Romania shall ensure that exports of all textile products for which quantitative limits may be established under this Agreement are spread out as evenly as possible over each of the Agreement years, due account being taken, in particular, of seasonal factors.

- 1. The quantitative limits established under this Agreement shall be managed under a system of double checking, the details of which are set out in Annex III.
- 2. For categories of textile products listed in Annexes I and II Romania shall furnish the Community with precise statistical information every quarter of all export licences issued by the Romanian authorities and of all export shipments to the Community.
- 3. The Community will likewise forward to the Romanian authorities every quarter precise statistical information of imports of such products into the Community.
- 4. Either Party may request the other to provide such information on a monthly basis, where this is reasonably required.

ARTICLE 11

The Parties shall exchange useful information concerning their mutual trade in textile products in order to ensure the successful implementation of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 12

This Agreement shall apply to the territories where the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community applies, on the conditions established in the said Treaty, and to the Territory of the Socialist Republic of Romania.

ARTICLE 13

- 1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the date on which the Contracting Parties have notified one another of the completion of the procedures necessary for the purpose. It shall remain in force until 31 December 1977.
- This Agreement shall have effect from 1 January 1976.
- 3. Either Party may at any time propose amendments to this Agreement or denounce it provided that notice is given at least 120 days before the expiry of any twelve-month period; in the latter event the Agreement will come to an end at the expiry of the said twelve-month period.
- 4. The Annexes and the Protocol to this Agreement shall form an integral part thereof.

Done at Brussels, on in two copies in the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Italian and Romanian languages, each of these texts being equally authentic.

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(1) Notwithstanding Article 8(3) exports in 1976 may exceed this quantitative limit by more than 10% providing the total amount of the excess is deducted from the corresponding limit for this Member State for 1977.

Products subject to the specific consultation procedure under Article 5

Brussels Tariff Nomenclature Heading No	Description
51.04	Woven fabrics of man-made fibres (continuous) including woven fabrics of monofil or strip of heading No 51.01 or 51.02
53•11	Waven fabrics of sheep's or lamb's wool or fine animal hair
55.05	Cotton yarn, not put up for retail sale
55.06	Cotton yarn, put up for retail sale
56.04	Nan-made fibres (discontinuous or waste), carded, combed or otherwise prepared for spinning
56,05	Yarn of man-made fibres (discontinuous or waste) not put up for retail sale
58.01	Carpets, carpeting and rugs, knotted (made up or not): - Of wool or of fine animal hair
58 . 04	Woven pile fabrics and chemille fabrics (other than terry towelling or similar terry fabrics of cotton falling within heading No 55.08 and fabrics falling within heading No 58.05)
60,02	Gloves, mittens and mitts, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized
ex 60.03	Stockings, under stockings, socks, ankle-socks, sockettes and the like, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized:
	ex B. Of synthetic textile fibres: - women's stockings
ex 60.04	Under garments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized:
	- Other than those covered by categories 3 and 4 az shown in Armex I
ex 60,05	Outer garments and other articles, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized:
	- Other than those covered by category 5 as shown in Annex I
ex 61.01	Hen's and boys' outer garments:
	- Other than those covered by categories 6, 7 and 8 as shown in Annex I
ex 61.02	Women's, girls' and infants' outer garments: - Other than those covered by category 8 as shown in Annex I

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Brussels Tariff Nomenclature Heading No	Description
ex 61.03	Men's and boys' under garments; including collars, shirt fronts and cuffs: - Other than shirts
61.04	Women's, girls' and infants' under garments
61.05	Handkerchiefs

ANNEX III

As agreed between the Parties in Article 10 of the Agreement, the administration of textile imports into the Community from Romania will be based on a system of double-checking. The details of this system 'sve been agreed between the Parties and are set out below.

The competent authorities within the Community will, automatically and without delay, accept imports of textile products on submission of the importer's application together with the original export licence. The competent authorities within the Community shall be entitled to require the presentation of an export licence in respect of goods originating in Romania of the categories shown in Annex I and (in any case where Article 6 has been invoked) of Annex II. These export licences will be issued by the Romanian authorities up to the total amount of the agreed ceilings.

The export licences issued by the Romanian authorities shall be applicable to the products subject to restriction under the Agreement.

The export licence must specify:

- 1. destination (Member State),
- 2. serial number,
- 3. importer's name and address,
- 4. exporter's name and address,
- 5. net weight (in kilograms or metric tons) or number of pieces and value,
- 6. category and description of product,
- 7. certificate issued by the Romanian authorities showing that the quantity has been debited against the agreed ceiling for exports to the Community or, where appropriate, is for immediate re-export or for inward-processing and subsequent re-export outside the Community.

The competent authorities within the Community will not raise difficulties in the event of a discrepancy between the weight indicated in the export licence and the shipment or import weight provided it is within reasonable limits, while the Romanian authorities, for their part, will endeavour to keep any discrepancies to a minimum.

In the event of total or partial withdrawal of an export licence, the Romanian authorities will notify the competent authorities within the Community of such total or partial withdrawal. The authorities of the Member States of the Community will take the appropriate measures in accordance with their existing administrative provisions.

The Romanian authorities will forward to the competent authorities within the Community, via the Embassies of the Member States of the Community, and directly to the Commission, quarterly returns showing the number of pieces and/or the total net weight in metric tons covered by the export licences issued against the quantitative limits for exports to the Community, as well as the allocation of these licences amongst the Member States of the Community, for all categories of textile exports to the Community subject to quantitative limits under this Agreement.

ANNEX IV

Table of equivalences laid down for implementation of Article 8

Cate- gory No	Brussels Tariff Nomenclature Heading No	Description of goods	Equivalences
2	ex 60.03	Stockings, under stockings, socks, ankle-socks, sockettes and the like, knitted or crocheted	20 pairs per kilo
3	ex 60.04	Shirts, under-pullovers, T-shirts, vests knitted or crocheted	6.4 units per kilo
4	ex 60.04	Other under garments, knitted or crocheted	10 items per kilo
5	ex 60.05	Jerseys, pullovers, slipovers, twinsets, cardigens, bed-jackets and jumpers, knitted or crocheted	5.18 items per kilo
6	ex 61.01	Hen's and boys' suits	0.70 items per kilo
7	ex 61.01	Men's and boys' jackets, blozers and the like	1.40 items per kilo
8	ex 61.01) ex 61.02)	Overcoats, coats and waterproof garments	1.25 ikans per kilo
9	ex 61.03	Men's and boys' shirts	4.60 items per kilo

ANNEX V

Exchange of Letters No 1

Sir,

I have the honour, on behalf of the Council of the European Communities, to refer to the recent negotiations between the European Economic Community and the Socialist Republic of Romania on trade in textile products which has resulted in the signature today of a bilateral Agreement under the GATT Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles.

In the course of these negotiations the following matters relating to trade in linen products, being woven fabrics of flax or of ramie (No 54.05 of the Brussels Tariff Nomenclature) and bed linen, table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen, curtains and other furnishing articles, of flax or ramie (ex Brussels Tariff Nomenclature No 62.02) were also agreed upon.

- 1. For the period of validity of the bilateral Agreement referred to above:
 - (a) the Community shall suspend all quantitative import restrictions in force for the products covered subject to the satisfactory operation of arrangements for export restraint by Romania as set out in the table annexed hereto;
 - (b) Romania shall establish export licensing and restraint arrangements in accordance with the system of double checking and shall take all necessary measures to ensure that exports by Romania to the Community do not exceed the quantitative limits set out in the said table annexed hereto.

- 2. The Community and Romania shall exchange all useful information regarding their mutual trade in linen products and shall consult together in case of any difficulty arising in respect of the implementation of these agreed arrangements.
- 3. In implementation of the above, the procedure and arrangements established in the Agreement shall, where their context so allows, also apply to trade in linen products.

I should be grateful for your confirmation that the foregoing represents the agreement reached between the European Economic Community and the Socialist Republic of Romania in this matter.

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

For the Council of the European Communities

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

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For the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania

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ANNEX VI

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In the course of these negotiations the Community delegation drew attention to certain problems which might arise with respect to the following categories of textile products which, under the Agreement, would be freed from quantitative limitation.

Brussels Tariff Nomenclature.	Description						
Category	•						
51.01	Yarn of man-made fibres (continuous) not put up for retail sale						
53.07	Yarn of combed sheep's or lamb's wool (worsted yarn), not put up for retail sale						
55.07	Cotton gauze						
55.08	Terry towelling and similar terry fabrics of cotton						
58.05	Narrow woven fabrics, and narrow fabrics (bolduc) consisting of warp without weft assembled by means of an adhesive, other than goods falling within heading No 58.06						
58.10	Embroidery, in the piece, in strips or in motifs						
59.07	Textile fabrics coated with gum or amylaceous substances, of a kind used for outer covers of books and the like; tracing cloth; prepared painting canvas; buckram and similar fabrics for hat foundations and similar uses						

59.13	Elastic fabrics and trimmings (other than knitted or crocheted goods) consisting of textile materials combined with rubber threads
62.03	Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods.

Both delegations & reed that if any problems arose with respect to the above textile products the Community might request consultations with Romania and that Romania would afford full opportunity for such consultations aimed at arriving at mutually acceptable solutions. It was further agreed that Romania would furnish the Community with precise statistical information, every quarter, of all export licences issued and and all export shipments to the Community with respect to these products.

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55.08	Terry towelling and similar terry fabrics of cottor
58.05	Narrow we fabrics, and narrow fabrics (bolduc) ensisting of warp without weft assembled by means of an adhesive, other than goods falling within heading No 58.06
58.10	Embroidery, in the piece, in strips or in motifs
59.07	Textile fabrics coated with gum or amylaceous substances, of a kind used for outer covers of books and the like; tracing cloth; prepared painting canvas; buckram and similar fabrics for hat foundations and similar uses

59.13	Elastic fabrics and trimmings (other than knitted or crocheted goods) consisting of textile materials combined with rubber threads
62.03	Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods.

Both delegations agreed that if any problems arose with respect to the above textile products the Community might request consultations with Romania and that Romania would afford full opportunity for such consultations aimed at arriving at mutually acceptable solutions. It was further agreed that Romania would furnish the Community with precise statistical information, every quarter, of all export licences issued and all export shipments to the Community with respect to these products.

I should be grateful for your confirmation that the foregoing represents a correct statement of the position.".

I have the honour to confirm that the foregoing represents a correct statement of the position.

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

On behalf of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania

1. Pursuant to Article 6(2)(4) and (5) of this Agreement consultations have been organized between the parties concerning exports by Romania to the Community of the textile products listed below.

2. As agreed during the above consultations Romania will restrict its exports of the products listed below to Community markets and to the quantities defined in this Protocol.

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Quantitative limits	1977		90 169 11	1, 686 55 65			
Quantita	1976		85 150 10	1, 000 60			
Member	States		P I BNL	BNL			
Unit			1000 kg	1000 kg			
Description of goods		Within this category, as defined in Annex I, further limits are laid down as follows:	- Woven fabrics of cotton mixed with flax	- Woven fabrics of cotton or of man- made fibres other than unbleached, not mercerised, or bleached			
NIMEXE Code	(1976)		55.09-ex 68; ex 69; ex 71; 74; 78; 83; 37	55.09-03; 04; 05; 51; 52; 53; 54; 54; 65; 64; 65; 66; 67; 69; 68; 68; 67; 69; 68; 68; 67; 69; 68; 71; 81; 82; 84; 86; 92; 93; 75, 08; 13; 14; 16; 18; 27; 28; 33; 34; 36; 8x 37; 84; 48; 67; 68; 73; 78; 84; 87; 78; 83; 84; 87; 78; 83;			
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Quantitative Limits	1977		54	32	32 120	963	428	1,340	556
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Unit			1000 кg	1000 kg	1000 kg	1000 kg	1000 kg	1000 kg	1000 paire
Description of goods		Within this category, defined in Annex I, a further limit is fixed as follows:	House linen mixed with flax	- Woven fabrics of synthetic textile fibres (continuous)	- Woven fabrics of regenerated textile fibres (continuous)	Cotton yarn, not put up for retail sale	Carpets, carpeting and rugs, knotted (made up or not) A. of wool or of fine animal hair	Man-made fibres, (discontinuous or waste), carded, combed or otherwise prepared for spinning	Gloves, mittens and mitts, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized
NIMEXE Code	(1976)		62.02-ex (05; 11; 17; 41; 43; 47; 65; 71; 73; 77; 81; 857			55.05-33; 41; 46; 67; 72; 92			
Common	Tariff Heading No	. ex 62•02		51.04 A	51.04 B	ex 55.05	58.01	56.04	60.02
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e limits	1977	48	112	1, 100	375	161
Quantitative limits	1976	45	105 105	(1)	350	150 100
Member	States	BNL	P.	I	£4	a N
Unit		1000 pairs	1000 кд	1000 pairs		1000 1 tems
Description of goods		Stockings, under stockings, socks, ankle-socks, sockettes and the like, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized ex B. of synthetic textile fibres: - women's stockings	Outer garments and other articles, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized (other than of silk or noil or other waste silk or of flax or ramie) - other than jerseys, pull-overs, slip-overs, twin sets, cardigans, bed jackete and jumpers, knitted or crocheted	Men's and boys' outer garments: - Troussru, breeches and the like, other than of silk or noil or other waste silk or of flax or ramie	Women's, girls' and infants' outer farments: ex B. other then babies' garments - trousers, jeans, breeches and similar articles other than of silk, or noil, or other waste silk or of flax or ramie	Women's, girls' and infants' outer garments: - Shirts and blouses other than of silk or noil or other waste silk, or of flax or ramio
NIMEKE Code	(1976)	60.03-21; 23		61,01-61; 63; 65; 67; ax 69	61.02- ex <u>(</u> 91 to 98_7	61.02 - 83 to 89
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Category	SN No	17	18	19		20

(1) For this Member State the quantitative limit fixed by the Agreement will take effect only from 1 January 1977, on the understanding that the arrangement applied on 1 November 1976 will remain in force until 31 December 1976.