

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Articles 7 and 8

Bilateral Agreement between Finland and Macao

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from Finland a notification of an agreement¹ concluded between Finland and Macao. This notification has been made bearing in mind the request by the Textiles Committee that actions taken vis-à-vis non-participants in the Arrangement should be notified.

The TSB² is circulating this notification to participating countries for their information.

¹For original agreement see COM.TEX/SR/254.

²For observations of the TSB see COM.TEX/SR/372, paragraph 4.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

During the consultations held in Helsinki, 14-16 June 1978, between a delegation from Finland and a delegation from Macao and having regard to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, agreement was reached as follows:

1. Macao agrees to voluntarily restrain its exports of the textile products specified in Annex I during the period of 1 August 1978 to 31 December 1981 to the limits set out in that Annex. The growth rate shall be 1 per cent per annum.
2. Finland shall for the purpose of these arrangements automatically admit imports of the textile products of Macao origin set out in Annex I to the agreed limits, provided that such imports into Finland are covered by export authorization and certificates of origin, as per specimen in Annex II. The export authorization shall be endorsed to the effect that the consignments concerned have been debited to the agreed export restraint limits.
3. Exports may exceed either of the two limits in the Annex I by 6 per cent, provided that a corresponding reduction is applied in the other limit. For the purpose of calculating such a corresponding reduction, the conversion factors listed in the Annex I shall apply.
4. Shipments effected before 1 August 1978, from Macao shall not be debited against the limits agreed for exports to Finland, and the import licences will be issued automatically without delay by the Finnish Government.
5. If the information available to the Finnish authorities through the import surveillance system shows that the quantitative limits of the products specified in Annex I have already been reached or the unused portion of those limits are insufficient to cover the goods specified in the export authorization(s) the Finnish authorities shall immediately inform the authorities of Macao.
6. Carry over and carry forward taken together shall not exceed 10 per cent, of which carry forward shall not represent more than 5 per cent.
7. Finland and Macao agree to consult together, at the request of either party, on any matter arising from the implementation of these arrangements.
8. Macao will forward to Finland quarterly statistics on a cumulative basis of the quantity of the textile products for which certificates for export to Finland have been issued. Finland will forward to Macao quarterly statistics on a cumulative basis of imports from Macao of the textile products set out in Annex I.

9. Macao shall endeavour to ensure that exports of the textile products subject to quantitative limits are spaced out as evenly as possible over the year, due account being taken, in particular, of seasonal factors.

10. The Annexes to this Memorandum of Understanding shall form an integral part thereof.

11. Either party may at any time terminate these arrangements provided that at least ninety-days' notice is given, in which event the arrangements shall come to an end at the expiry of the ninety-day period.

Done in Helsinki 16 June 1978.

(signed) Pertti A.O. Kärkkinen
Head of the Delegation of Finland

(signed) Armando Lopes de Campos
Head of the Delegation of Macao

ANNEX I

(a) Finnish tariff classification No.	(b) Description	(c) Unit of quantity	(d) Restraint limits		(e) Conversion factor (square yards equivalent per dozen)
			1.1.80- 31.12.79	1.1.81- 31.12.81	
60.04.812 813 815 816 817	Briefs, drawers, panties, undershorts and the like, knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly by weight of cotton or man-made fibres, women's and girls' wear	Pieces	276,150 (notional annual level 194,930 pieces)	196,879	198,848 9 sq. yd./doz.
61.03.102 103 103 105 106 109	Men's and boys' shirts of cotton and man-made fibres	Pieces	36,833 (notional annual level 26,000 pieces)	26,260	26,523 26 sq. yd./doz.