

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Article 4 Notification

Bilateral Agreement between Sweden and India

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from SWEDEN a notification of a new agreement^{1/} 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 4^{2/}, has examined the relevant documentation and is circulating the text of this agreement to participating countries in the Arrangement for their information.^{3/}

^{1/} For previous agreement see COM.TEX/SB/120 and 256.

^{2/} See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

^{3/} See paragraphs 7 and 8 of COM.TEX/SB/380 for observations by the TSB.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIA AND SWEDEN REGARDING EXPORTS
OF CERTAIN TEXTILE PRODUCTS FROM INDIA TO SWEDEN

Article 1

The following Agreement has been reached on the basis of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, particularly articles 1 and 4, and the provisions of GATT document COM.TEX/W/47.

Article 2

This Agreement shall apply to India's exports to Sweden of the textile products of cotton, wool, man-made fibres or blends thereof which are listed in Annex I and which have been classified in groups I to XIV. The description and identification of the groups of products covered by this Agreement are based on Customs Cooperation Council Nomenclature and the Swedish Tariff Nomenclature as prevailing on 1st January 1978. The Agreement shall apply for a period of twelve months with effect from March 1, 1978 as regards restraint groups IV, V, IX and the "rest group" (consisting of groups I, III, VI - VIII, XI, XII and XIV) and from July 1, 1978 as regards restraint groups II, X and XIII.

Article 3

The Government of India will limit exports, through a system of export certificates, from India to Sweden of the textile products listed in Annex I to this Agreement to the levels set out in that Annex. The date of issue of shipping documents is considered to be the date of exportation.

Article 4

The Government of Sweden will admit imports of the textile products of Indian origin, listed in Annex I, provided that the consignments concerned are covered by Export Certificates, as per specimen in Annex II. Such a document shall be issued by the competent authorities designated by the Government of India, whose names will be communicated to the Government of Sweden. The certificates shall be consecutively numbered and bear an endorsement that the consignments concerned have been approved and debited to the agreed levels for exports to Sweden for the relevant period.

Article 5

If the information available to the Swedish authorities shows that the quantitative limit for the category of products specified in an Export Certificate, has already been reached or the unused portion of that limit is insufficient to cover the goods specified in the certificate, the said authorities may refuse to admit any quantity in excess of the quantitative limit. In this event the Swedish authorities shall inform the authorities of India as soon as possible.

Article 6

Both parties agree that exports to Sweden of the textile products listed in Annex I should be evenly spaced throughout the period of Agreement taking into account seasonal factors and that, in the allocation of quotas, due consideration is given to traditional patterns of trade. Accordingly, the Government of India undertakes to provide a procedure to achieve this.

Article 7

The Government of India will forward to the Government of Sweden, via the Embassy of Sweden in New Delhi, monthly statistics on a cumulative basis of the quantities of the groups II, IV, V, IX, X, XIII and of the "rest group", listed in Annex 1, for which duly endorsed export certificates for exports to Sweden have been issued for the relevant period of agreement.

Article 8

The Government of India and the Government of Sweden agree to consult each other, at the request of either, when any unforeseen problem arises from the implementation of this Agreement. The Government of India and the Government of Sweden furthermore agree to enter into consultations on the extension, modification or elimination of the limitations before the end of the period of agreement.

Article 9

The Annexes to this Agreement shall be considered as integral parts of the Agreement.

Article 10

This Agreement shall be drawn up in two copies in the English language, each of these texts being equally authentic.

Done in New Delhi on April 14, 1978

For the Government of
Sweden

For the Government of
India

(signed)

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Torsten Örn
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.
of Sweden

(signed)

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Raj Dharambir Thapar
Secretary
Department of Commerce
Ministry of Commerce, Civil
Supplies & Cooperation

ANNEX I

(a) Group No.	(b) Description	(c) Swedish Tariff Classification No.	(d) Unit	(e) Level for period 1.3.78 to 28.2.79
II	Men's and boys' shirts, of cotton, wool or man-made fibres	60.04.102-106 61.03.102-106, ex 109	Pieces	700.000 (for period 1.7.78 to 30.6.79)
IV	Knitted underwear, of cotton, wool or man-made fibres, other than shirts, nightwear and tights (including underwear T-shirts)	60.04.702-706 802-806 902-906	Pieces	160.000
V	Knitted sweaters, pullovers, slipovers, jumpers and cardigans, etc. (Including outerwear T-shirts), of cotton, wool or man-made fibres	60.05.302-306	Pieces	1.100.000
IX	Costumes, dresses and skirts, of cotton, wool or man-made fibres	60.05.602-606 61.02, ex 008 202-206 302-306 402-406 ex 992-996	Pieces	520.000
X	Women's, girls' and infants' blouses, of cotton, wool or man-made fibres	60.05, ex 803-804 822, 825, 826 61.02, ex 008 502-503 505-506, ex 509 ex 992-996	Pieces	900.000 (for period 1.7.78 to 30.6.79)
XIII	Bed linen*, of cotton, wool or man-made fibres	62.02.110, ex 190, ex 792-793	Kilograms	575.000 (for period 1.7.78 to 30.6.79; In addition, and on an ad-hoc basis another 103.000 kilograms of bed linen may be exported by India during this period)

*The denomination "bed linen" refers to bedsheets, pillow cases, pillow slips, bolster or eiderdown cases, mattress covers, quilt or blanket covers.

(a) Group No	(b) Description	(c) Swedish Tariff Classification No.	(d) Unit	(e) Level for period 1,3,78 to 23.2.79
Rest Group	Stockings, under stockings, socks, ankle-socks, sockettes and the like, knitted or crocheted, of cotton, wool or man-made fibres, other than ladies' stockings of continuous synthetic fibres	60.03.003, 102-106 ex 109 902-906 ex 909		
I, III, VI-VIII, XI, XII, XIV	Nightwear, panty hoses and tights, knitted or crocheted, of cotton, wool or man-made fibres	60.04.212-216 252-256 602-606		
	Outerwear, knitted or crocheted, of cotton, wool or man-made fibres, other than sweaters, pullovers, slipovers, etc (group V), costumes, dresses and skirts (ex group IX) and blouses (ex group X)	60.05.102, 105, 202, 205, 802, ex 803-804 806, ex 809, 812 ex 892, ex 895-896	Kilo- grams	138.000
	Men's and boys' woven outer garments, of cotton, wool or man-made fibres	61.01.003, ex 008, 104, ex 109, 304-306, 414-416, 454-456, 504-506, 705-706, ex 709, 904-906		
	Women's, girls' and infants' woven outer garments, of cotton, wool or man-made fibres, other than costumes, dresses and skirts (ex group IX) and blouses (ex group X)	61.02. ex 008, 112-116 152-156, 602-606 802-806, 902-906 ex 992-996		
	Men's and boys' nightwear, not knitted, or crocheted, of cotton, wool or man-made fibres	61.03.202-206, ex 209		
	Women's and girls' nightwear, not knitted or crocheted, of cotton, wool or man-made fibres	61.04. ex 102-109		
	Travelling rugs and blankets, of cotton, wool or man-made fibres	62.01. ex 101-400, 500, 600, ex 900		
	Towels and similar articles, of cotton, wool or man-made fibres	62.02.311, 319, ex 399 ex 792, ex 793		

ANNEX II

EXPORT CERTIFICATE

Certificate No. SW/..... Valid for shipment to Sweden upto

M/s.....
(Name and address of the exporter in India)

are hereby authorised to export
(Quantities and description of goods)

details of which are given below, to M/s
(Name and address of importer
in Sweden)

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vide Shipping Bill No..... dated

Issued aton

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Signature of the Authorising
Officer