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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Cessation of the Agreement between
Austria and Pakistan

The Textiles Surveillance Board has received from Austria a communication concerning an exchange of notes whereby Austria and Pakistan agree to the non-renewal of their previous textiles agreement.^{1/} The notes also describe the system and the consultation procedure which will apply to subsequent imports of cotton textiles into Austria from Pakistan.

The Textiles Surveillance Body, pursuant to its procedure regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article 4^{2/}, has examined the relevant documentation and is circulating the text of this notification to the participating countries for their information.

^{1/} For previous agreement see COM.TEX/SB/60.

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

Vienna, 7 February 1978

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the bilateral agreement under Article 4 of the ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES (hereinafter referred to as the ARRANGEMENT) between our two countries signed on 5 December 1974 in Vienna for a term ending 31 December 1977.

I further wish to refer to the negotiations which took place in Vienna on 2 and 3 February 1978 between the delegations of Pakistan and Austria. As a result of these negotiations our two countries agree not to extend the bilateral agreement referred to above.

Consequently, the competent Austrian authority will, upon presentation of export authorizations issued by the Pakistan authorities for exports of cotton textiles as specified in paragraph 1 of Article 12 of the ARRANGEMENT, automatically issue import licences for the import from Pakistan of these products.

The Pakistan authorities will inform the Federal Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Vienna, of the number and date of export authorizations issued, as well as of the quantities of the aforementioned products covered by these export authorizations. This will be done by airmail on a monthly basis within the first ten days of the month following the issuance.

Austria will provide Pakistan on a monthly and cumulative basis with information regarding the respective import licences issued.

Should exports of the aforementioned products from Pakistan to Austria develop in a manner which, in the view of Austria, causes real risks of market disruption, Austria may request consultations with Pakistan with a view to reaching an agreement on mutually acceptable terms on the elimination of such risks. The request for such consultations shall be accompanied by a statement containing relevant data of the market conditions which, in the view of Austria, make necessary the request for consultations. Pakistan agrees to consult within thirty days from the date on which the request for consultations has been received, and to make its best efforts to complete such consultations within fifteen days of their commencement.

H.E. Mr. Abdul Sattar,
Ambassador,
Pakistan Embassy,
Vienna.

I should be grateful if you would kindly confirm that this letter sets out correctly the understanding reached between the delegations of our two countries.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(signed) Dr. Rudolf Willenpart
Director

Vienna, 7 February 1978

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

It is understood that the term "handloom fabrics of the cottage industry, or hand-made cottage industry products made of such handloom fabrics, or traditional folklore handicraft textiles products" as set out in Article 12, paragraph 3, of the MFA refers to hand-woven, hand-sewn, hand-knitted, hand-crocheted, hand-embroidered and hand-knotted products of the cottage industry.

For Pakistan:

For Austria:

(signed) Dr. Rudolf Willenpart
Director
Federal Ministry for
Trade, Commerce and Industry

9 February 1978

Dear Mr. Director,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 27.641/3-II/7/78 of 7 February 1978 and to confirm that this letter sets out correctly the understanding reached between the delegations of Pakistan and Austria pursuant to negotiations which took place in Vienna on 2 and 3 February 1978.

Accept, Mr. Director, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(signed) Abdul Sattar

Dr. Rudolf Willenpart,
Director,
Federal Ministry for Trade, Commerce
and Industry,
Republic of Austria,
Vienna.