

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Article 4:4 Notification

Bilateral Agreement between Sweden and India

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from Sweden notification of a new bilateral agreement¹ which has been concluded under Article 4 of the Arrangement between Sweden and India, for the period 1 July 1979 to 31 December 1980.

The TSB pursuant to its procedure regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article 4², has examined the relevant documentation and is circulating the text of this agreement to participating countries for their information.³

¹For previous agreement see COM.TEX/SB/371.

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

³The observations of the TSB are contained in COM.TEX/SB/602.

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

Article 1

The following Agreement has been reached in terms 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 XVI. 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 eighteen months with effect from July 1, 1979.

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 1 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 1, 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

- (a) If in the period 1 March, 1978 to 30 June, 1979 exports from India to Sweden of the groups IV, V, IX and the "rest-group" in the Agreement of 14 April, 1978 are less than 16/12 of the levels specified in annex I thereto and if in the period 1 July, 1978 to 30 June, 1979 exports from India to Sweden of the groups II, X and XIII in the Agreement of 14 April, 1978 are less than the levels specified in annex I thereto, the Government of India may, after prior information to the Government of Sweden, during the period 1 July, 1979 to 31 December, 1979 approve the exports of additional amounts equivalent to such shortfalls provided that such exports -
- (i) are in the same Group where the shortfalls occurred;
 - (ii) do not exceed 5 per cent of the levels specified in the Agreement of 14 April, 1978.

(b) If in the period 1 July, 1979 to 31 December, 1979 exports from India to Sweden are less than the levels specified in column (e) of Annex I hereof, the Government of India may, after prior information to the Government of Sweden, for the period 1 January, 1980 to 31 December, 1980 approve the export of additional amounts equivalent to such shortfalls provided that such exports -

(i) are in the same groups where the shortfalls occurred;

(ii) do not exceed 5 per cent of the levels specified in column (e) of Annex I hereof.

(c) During the period 1 July, 1979 to 31 December, 1979 the Government of India, after prior information to the Government of Sweden, may approve exports of amounts in excess of the levels specified in column (e) of Annex I hereof up to 2.5 per cent of those levels (carry forward). Where a level is increased by carry forward the Government of India shall inform the Government of Sweden of the carry forward quantities and debit these to the corresponding level for the period 1 January, 1980 to 31 December, 1980 specified in column (f) of Annex I hereof.

Article 6

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, subject to the provisions of Article 5, 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 7.

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 normal 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 8

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 number or quantities as the case may be, of the groups II, IV, V, IX, X, XIII, XV, XVI and the "rest group", listed in Annex I, for which duly endorsed Export Certificates for exports to Sweden have been issued for the relevant period of agreement.

Article 9

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 10

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

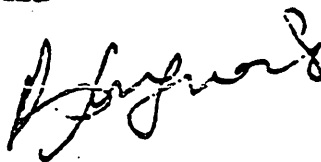
Article 11

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

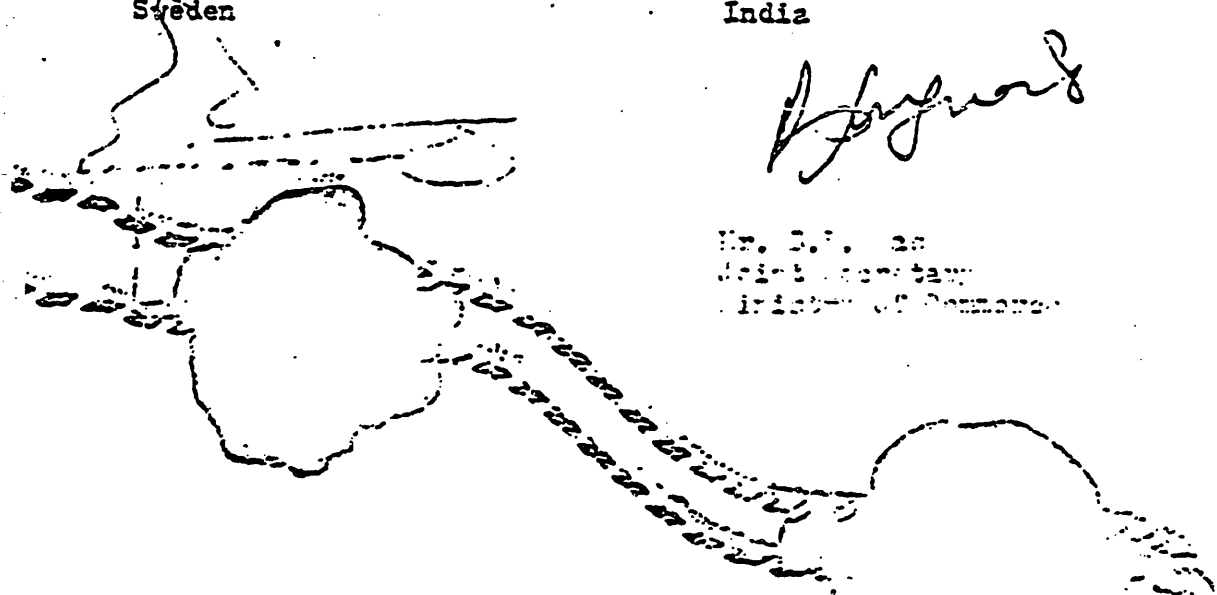
Done in New Delhi on October 25, 1979

For the Government of
Sweden

For the Government of
India



Mr. S. S. ...
Joint Secretary
Ministry of Commerce



ANNEX I

Group Swedish Tariff Classification		Description		Unit	Level for period 1.1.70-31.12.79	Level for period 1.1.00-31.12.00
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
II	60.04.102-106 61.03.102-106 ex 109	Men's and boys' shirts, of cotton, wool or man-made fibres	Piece	357 000	728 000	
IV	60.04.702-706 602-806 902-906	Knitted underwear, of cotton, wool or man-made fibres, other than shirts, nightwear and tights (including underwear T-shirts)	Piece	81 000	164 000	
V	60.05.302-306	Knitted sweaters, pullovers, slipovers, jumpers and cardigans etc (including outerwear T-shirts), of cotton, wool or man-made fibres	Piece	555 000	1139712	127 000
IX	60.05.602-606 61.02 ex 009 202-206 302-306 402-406 ex 992-996	Costumes, dresses and skirts, of cotton, wool or man-made fibres	Piece	265 000	530 000	
X	60.05 ex 302-304 622, 625, 826 61.02 ex 308 302-303 505-506 ex 507 ex 992-996	Women's, girls' and infants' blouses, of cotton, wool or man-made fibres	Piece	459 000	936 000	-918

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
XIII	62.02.110, ex 190 ex 792-3	Bed linen ^x , of cotton, wool or man-made fibres	Kilogram	289 000 (In addition, and on an ad hoc basis another 51 500 kilograms of bed linen may be exported by India during this period)	505 000 (In addition, and on an ad hoc basis another 103 000 kilograms of bed linen may be exported by India during this period) 1.3%
XV	62.02.710, ex 792-3 ex 799	Curtains and other furnishing articles, not knitted or crocheted, of cotton, wool or man-made fibres	Kilogram	52 500	107 000
XVI	62.02.210, ex 299 ex 792-3	Table linen, of cotton, wool or man-made fibres	Kilogram	34 500	70 000
<p>Footnote: I, III, VI-VIII XI-XII, XIV</p>					
	60.03.003 102-6, ex 109 902-6, ex 909	Stockings, understockings, 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			
	60.04.212-216 292-256 442-606	Nightwear, panty hose and tights, knitted or crocheted, of cotton, wool or man-made fibres			

^x/ The denomination "bed linen" refers to bedsheet, pillow cases, pillow slips, bolster or eiderdown cases, mattress covers, quilt or blanket covers.

rest/group continued)

60.05.102, 105, 202 205, 802, 806 ex 803-4, 812 ex 809, ex 892 ex 895-6	Outerwear, knitted or crocheted, of cotton, wool or man-made fibres, <u>other than</u> sweaters, pullovers, slippers etc (group V), costumes, dresses and skirts (ex group IX) and blouses (ex group X)		
61.01.005, ex 608 104, ex 109 504-505, 414- 415, 451-456 504-505, 705- 706, ex 709 904-905	Men's and boys' woven outer garments, of cotton, wool or man- made fibres		
61.02 ex 902, 112- 115, 192-156 602-806, 902- 906, 902-906 ex 902-996	Women's, girls' and infants' woven outer garments, of cotton, wool or man-made fibres, <u>other</u> than costumes, dresses and skirts (ex group IX) and blou- ses (ex group X)	Kilo- gram	70 000 143 000
61.05.202-206 ex 205	Men's and boys' woven nightwear, of cotton, wool or man-made fibres		
61.04.102-106 ex 109	Women's, girls' and infants' woven nightwear, of cotton, wool or man-made fibres		
62.01. ex 101-400 509, 500 ex 509	Travelling rugs and blankets, of cotton, wool or man-made fibres		
62.02.311, 319 ex 399 ex 792-3	Towels and similar articles, of cotton, wool or man-made fibres		

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 at on

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Signature of the Authorising
Officer