

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 Sri Lanka

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from Sweden notification of a new one-year bilateral agreement^{1/} which has been concluded under Article 4 of the Arrangement between Sweden and Sri Lanka, starting 1 August 1979.

The TSB, pursuant to its procedure regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article 4^{2/}, has examined the relevant documentation and is circulating^{3/} the text of this agreement to participating countries for their information.

^{1/} For previous agreement see COM.TEX/SB/374.

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

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

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA REGARDING
EXPORTS OF CERTAIN TEXTILE PRODUCTS FROM
SRI LANKA TO SWEDEN

ARTICLE 1

The following Agreement has been reached on the basis of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, particularly article 1 : 2 and article 4 thereof, and the provisions of GATT document COM.TEX/W/47.

ARTICLE 2

This Agreement shall apply for the period specified in Annex I.

ARTICLE 3

The Government of Sri Lanka will limit exports from Sri Lanka to Sweden of the textile products listed in Annex I 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

- (a) This Agreement shall apply to export from Sri Lanka to Sweden of textile products described in Annex I hereof of cotton, wool or man-made fibres, or blend thereof, in which any or all of those fibres in combination represent either the chief value of the fibres or 50 per cent or more by weight (or 17 per cent or more by weight of wool).

- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article this Agreement shall also apply to the products described in Annex I hereof, which are manufactured from impregnated fabrics as defined in Annex II of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 5

The Government of Sweden will admit imports of the textile products of Sri Lanka origin, listed in Annex I, only when such imports are covered by Export Certificates as per specimen in Annex III. Such a document shall be issued by the Ministry of Textile Industries, be consecutively numbered and bear an endorsement that the consignments concerned have been approved and debited to the agreed group levels for exports to Sweden for the relevant period.

ARTICLE 6

- (a) If in the period 1 August 1978 to 31 July 1979 the group levels specified in Annex I to the Agreement of 14th July 1978 are not fully utilized the Government of Sri Lanka may, after consultation with the Government of Sweden, during the period 1 August 1979 to 31 July 1980 approve the export of additional amounts (carry over) 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 of these groups specified in the Agreement of 14th July 1978.

ARTICLE 7

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 Government of Sweden shall inform the Government of Sri Lanka as soon as possible.

ARTICLE 8

Both parties regard it as essential that exports from Sri Lanka to Sweden of the textile products listed in Annex I are evenly spaced throughout the period of agreement and that, in the allocation of quotas, due consideration is given to traditional patterns of trade. Accordingly, the Government of Sri Lanka undertakes to provide a procedure to achieve this.

ARTICLE 9

The Government of Sri Lanka will forward each quarter to the Government of Sweden, via the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Sweden, monthly statistics on a cumulative basis of the quantities of the groups II, VIII and X and of the weight of 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. The statistics shall reach the Government of Sweden within a period of two months from the quarter under reference.

ARTICLE 10

The Government of Sweden and the Government of Sri Lanka agree to consult each other, at the request of either party, if any problem should arise from the implementation of this Agreement. The Government of Sweden and the Government of Sri Lanka agree furthermore to enter into consultations, before the end of the period of agreement on the conditions of a new Agreement.

If consultations do not result, within a reasonable period of time, in a mutually satisfactory solution and this would result in serious damage to its domestic producers of like or directly competitive products, the Government of Sweden may apply limitations to the extent and for such a time as may be found necessary.

ARTICLE 11

The Annexes to this Agreement shall be considered as an integral part of it.

ARTICLE 12

This Agreement has been drawn up in two copies in the English language, each of these being equally authentic.

Done in Colombo on 25 July 1979.

For the Government of the
Democratic Socialist Republic

For the Government of
Sweden

ANNEX I

EXPORTS OF CERTAIN TEXTILES FROM SRI LANKA TO SWEDEN

Group No (a)	Ex Swedish Tariff Classification No (b)	Description (c)	Unit of quantity (d)	Level for 1.8.79 31.7.80 (e)
II	60.04.10- 61.03.10-	Shirts	Pieces	440,000
VIII	60.05.80-,895 61.01.003,008, 50- 61.02.008, 60-, 99-	Trousers other than shorts	Pieces	182,000
X	60.05.803-4, 809, 82- 61.02.008, 50-, 99-	Blouses	Pieces	450,000

Level for 1.8.79
31.7.80
(e)

Unit of Quantity
(d)

Description
(c)

Ex Swedish Tariff
Classification No
(b)

Group
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Restgroup (I, III-VII,) (IX, XI-XIV.)	60.03.003, 10-, 90-	Stockings, understockings, socks, ankle socks, sockettes and the like, knitted or crocheted other than ladies' stockings of continuous synthetic fibres		
	60.04.21-, 25-, 60-, 70-, 80-, 90-	Knitted underwear other than shirts (ex group II)		
	60.05.10-, 20-, 30-, 60-, 803-4, 809, 812, 89-	Outerwear, knitted or crocheted other than trousers other than shorts (ex group VIII) and blouses (ex group X)		
	61.01.003, 008, 10-, 30-, 41-, 45-, 70-, 90-	Men's and boys' woven outer garments other than trousers other than shorts (ex group VIII)	Metric tons	60
	61.02.003, 11-, 15-, 20-, 30-, 40-, 80-, 90-, 99-	Women's, girls' and infants' woven outer garments other than trousers other than shorts (ex group VIII) and blouses (ex group X)		
	61.03.20-, 61.04.10-	Men's, boys', women's, girls' and infants' nightwear not knitted or crocheted		
	62.01.101-900	Travelling rugs and blankets		
	62.02.11-, 19-, 792-3	Bed linen		
	62.02.31-, 39-, 792-3	Towels and similar articles		

ANNEX II

DEFINITION OF "IMPREGNATED FABRICS"
FOR THE PURPOSE OF ARTICLE 4

Fabrics of cotton, wool or man-made fibres or any blend containing one or more of those fibres in which either wool represents 17 per cent or more by weight or any or all of those fibres in combination represent 50 per cent or more by weight of the unfinished fabric shall be defined as "impregnated fabrics" where those fabrics have been impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with preparations of cellulose derivatives or of other artificial plastic materials whatever the nature of the plastic material (compact, foam, sponge or expanded).

2. The definition does not cover -

- (a) Fabrics which, after impregnation, coating, covering or laminating, cannot, without fracturing, be bent manually around a cylinder of a diameter of 7 mm at a temperature between 15° C and 30° C.
- (b) Fabrics either completely embedded in artificial plastic material or coated or covered on both sides with such material.

MINISTRY OF TEXTILE INDUSTRIES OF SRI LANKA
(EXPORT PROMOTION DIVISION)
EXPORT CERTIFICATE

1. Exporting country _____
2. Export Certificate No. C-001 _____
3. Exporter's name and address _____

We certify that the above exporter has been authorised to export the following goods which have been debited against the restraint level for export to Sweden during the agreement period 1979 - 08 - 01 to 1980 - 07 - 31.

1. Destination _____
2. Order/L/C No. _____
3. Export Licence No. _____
4. Description of goods _____

5. BTN No _____ Group No _____
6. Quantity (pieces/tons) _____

7. Value (FOB) _____
8. Date of shipment (approx.) _____
9. Importer's name and address _____

(Export Promotion Division)
Ministry of Textile Industries

(Copy forwarded to)

The Principal Collector of Customs, _____