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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Article 4 Notification

Amendments to the Bilateral Agreement Between the EEC and Hong Kong

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from the EEC a notification of five amendments to the existing bilateral agreement concluded under Article 4 of the Arrangement between the EEC and Hong Kong, concerning trade in textiles.^{1/}

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 these amendments to the participating countries.

^{1/} For original agreement see COM.TEX/SB/560.

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

AGREED MINUTE (1)

A Delegation of the Hong Kong Government and a Delegation of the EEC met during 20-21 January 1980 in Hong Kong and 5 February in Brussels for consultations pursuant to Article 6 of the Agreement on trade in textiles between Hong Kong and the Community.

2. As a result of these consultations, Hong Kong agreed that, in respect of its exports to the Benelux, the two categories (Category 72 - knitted swimwear and Category 79 - woven swimwear) should be combined with effect from the date of this Agreed Minute, subject to a sub-limit on woven swimwear within this combined category.

3. It was also agreed that the following restraint levels for the combined category should apply in respect of the years 1980 - 1982.

Category 72/79 to the Benelux

1980	1,663,000 pieces, of which 220,000 pieces of woven swimwear
1981	1,705,400 pieces, of which 233,200 pieces of woven swimwear
1982	1,754,434 pieces, of which 247,192 pieces of woven swimwear.

4. It is the understanding of both parties that all the provisions of the Agreement which concern exports of products subject to quantitative limits established in Annex II, including the provisions of Articles 4 and 5, shall apply to exports of woven swimwear from Hong Kong to the Benelux from 1 January 1980.

5. It is also the understanding of both parties that, for the purpose of applying the provisions of Article 5, the conversion factors of 10 pieces/Kg and 100 gr/piece shall be used in respect of both knitted and woven swimwear.

Brussels, 5 February 1980

AGREED MINUTE (2)

1. A Delegation of the Hong Kong Government and a Delegation of the EEC met during 23 - 25 October 1979 in Hong Kong and 21 December 1979 in Brussels for consultations pursuant to Article 6 of the Agreement on trade in textiles between Hong Kong and the Community.

2. As a result of these consultations, Hong Kong agreed to limit its exports of babies' under garments of knitted or crocheted fabrics (Category 68) and knitted under garments other than babies' (Category 82) to the Community to the following levels:

- <u>Cat. 68</u>	D	F	I	BNL	UK	IRL	In tonnes	
							DK	CEE
1980	90	80	13	100	250	4	20	574
1981	104	90	15	101	251	5	21	587
1982	119	99	22	102	252,5	5,5	22	622
- <u>Cat. 82</u>								
1980	450	50	20	210	150	8	75	963
1981	459,5	60	31	211	175	9	75,5	1.021
1982	469	72	41	212	202	10	76	1.082

3. It is the understanding of both parties that all the provisions of the Agreement which concern exports of products subject to quantitative limits established in Annex II, including the provisions of Articles 4 and 5, shall apply to exports of babies' under garments of knitted or crocheted fabrics (Category 68) and knitted under garments other than babies' (Category 82) from Hong Kong to the Community from 1 January 1980.

Brussels, 21st December 1979

AGREED MINUTE (3)

A Delegation of the Hong Kong Government and a Delegation of the EEC met on 20 and 28 May 1980 in Brussels for consultations pursuant to Article 6 of the Agreement on trade in textiles between Hong Kong and the Community.

2. As a result of these consultations, Hong Kong agreed to limit its exports for Category 78 (men's and boys' outer garments) and Category 81 (women's, girls' and infants' outer garments) to the Community to the following combined levels :

Categories 78/81

	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>BNL</u>	<u>UK</u>	<u>IRL</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>EEC</u>
1980	3300	160	130	510	2079	28	427	6634
1981	3376	240	195	600	2158	34	429	7032
1982	3450	334	271	677	2250	41	431	7454

3. It was further agreed that within the new combined Category 78/81, a sub-limit will apply for Category 78 at the following levels :

Category 78

	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>BNL</u>	<u>UK</u>	<u>IRL</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>EEC</u>
1980	1500	65	85	230	1384	20	270	3554
1981	1552	98	125	275	1422	24	271	3767
1982	1594	147	170	321	1459	29	273	3993

4. It is the understanding of both parties that all the provisions of the Agreement which concern exports of products subject to quantitative limits established in Annex II, including the provisions of Articles 4 and 5, shall apply to exports of products of the combined Categories 78/81 from 1 January 1980.

5. Also, as a result of these consultations the Community Delegation provided definitive 1976 import figures from Hong Kong in categories not subject to restraint for the purpose of any future operation of Article 6 of the Agreement. A table comprising these figures is attached to this Minute.

Brussels, 19 June 1980

AGREED MINUTE (4)

1. A delegation of the Hong Kong Government and a delegation of the E.E.C. met on 22nd May 1979 in Brussels for consultations pursuant to Article 6 of the Agreement on trade in textiles between Hong Kong and the Community.
2. As a result of these consultations, Hong Kong agreed to limit its exports of woven pile fabrics (category 32) to the Community to the following levels :

(in tons)

	<u>EEC</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>BNL</u>	<u>UK</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>IRL</u>
1979	4.364	110	184	80	70	3.600	300	20
1980	4.626	183	251	130	98	3.633	303	28
1981	4.904	275	314	183	137	3.651	305	39
1982	5.198	376	382	247	168	3.670	307	43

3. It is the understanding of both parties that all the provisions of the Agreement which concern exports of products subject to quantitative limits established in Annex II shall apply to exports of woven pile fabrics from Hong Kong to the Community from 1 January 1979.

Brussels, 13 June 1979

AGREED MINUTE (5)

A Delegation of the Hong Kong Government and a Delegation of the EEC met during 23 - 25 October 1979 in Hong Kong for consultations pursuant to Article 6 of the Agreement on trade in textiles between Hong Kong and the Community.

2. As a result of these consultations, Hong Kong agreed to limit its exports of woven tarpaulins, sails, awnings and sunblinds (Category 109) to France to the following levels:

1979	126 tonnes	
1980	170 tonnes	(of which not more than 70 tonnes shall be for sails other than surf sails)
1981	180.2 tonnes	(of which not more than 74.2 tonnes shall be for sails other than surf sails)
1982	191 tonnes	(of which not more than 78.7 tonnes shall be for sails other than surf sails)

3. It is the understanding of both parties that all the provisions of the Agreement which concern exports of products subject to quantitative limits established in Annex II, including the provisions of Articles 4 and 5, shall apply to exports of woven tarpaulins, sails, awnings and sunblinds (Category 109) from Hong Kong to France from 1 January 1979. It is also the understanding of both parties that the provisions of Article 5 shall not apply to the limit for 1979.

4. The EEC Delegation gave an undertaking that the Commission will review market situation in respect of sails in France next year with a view to determining whether the limit for 1980 and those for subsequent years could be increased.

31 October 1979