

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Article 4 Notification

Amendments to the Bilateral Agreement between the EEC and Hungary

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from the EEC a notification of two amendments to the existing bilateral agreement concluded under Article¹ 4 of the Arrangement between the EEC and Hungary, concerning trade in textiles.

The TSB, pursuant to its procedure regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article² 4, has examined the relevant documentation³ and is circulating the text of these amendments to the participating countries.

¹For original agreement see COM.TEX/SB/467.

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

³The TSB's observations in respect of these amendments are contained in COM.TEX/SB/602.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (1)

1. Following a request submitted in a Note Verbale by the Commission dated 20 December 1979, delegations of the Hungarian People's Republic and of the European Economic Community met at Brussels on 17 January and 1 February 1980 for consultations in pursuance of the provisions of the bilateral Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Hungarian People's Republic on trade in textile products, initialled on 30 November 1978.

2. On the occasion of these consultations, Hungary agreed to limit its exports of women's, girls' and infants' (other than babies') woven and knitted or crocheted dresses (category 26) (Nimexe code 60.05-41 to 44 and 61.02-48; -52; -53 and -54) to Benelux to the following levels for the years 1980 to 1982:

1980: 170,000 pieces

1981: 179,000 pieces

1982: 187,000 pieces

3. It is agreed between the two parties that the provisions of the Agreement concerning the export of products subject to quantitative limitations, and in particular the licensing procedures established under Protocol A to the Agreement, shall apply to exports of the category named above from 1 February 1980 onwards.

From that date the Hungarian authorities shall issue export licences and certificates of origin for all exports of dresses of category 26 to Benelux. It is agreed that products despatched between 1 and 31 January 1980 shall be deducted from the limit established for the year 1980.

Brussels, 1 February 1980.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (2)

1. Following a request submitted in a Note Verbale by the Commission dated 19 November 1979, delegations of the Hungarian People's Republic and of the European Economic Community met at Brussels on 13, 14 and 17 December 1979 for consultations in pursuance of the provisions of the bilateral Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Hungarian People's Republic on trade in textile products, initialled on 30 November 1978.

2. On the occasion of these consultations, Hungary agreed to limit its exports of men's and boys' overcoats, raincoats and other coats (category 14 B, Nimexe code 61.01-41; -42; -44; -46 and -47) to the United Kingdom to the following levels for the years 1980 to 1982:

1980: 47,000 pieces

1981: 49,000 pieces

1982: 51,000 pieces

Exceptionally, an additional quantity of 16,000 pieces is authorized for import during the year 1980. Hungarian exports to the United Kingdom remain suspended until 31 December 1979.

3. It is agreed between the two parties that the provisions of the Agreement concerning the export of products subject to quantitative limitation, and in particular the licensing procedures established under Protocol A to the Agreement, shall apply to exports of the category named above from 1 January 1980 onwards.

From that date the Hungarian authorities shall issue export licences and certificates of origin up to the levels of the limitations agreed upon for exports of the product concerned to the United Kingdom.

Brussels, 17 December 1979.