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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Article 4 Notification

Amendment to the Bilateral Agreement between the EEC and Uruguay

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from the EEC a notification of two further amendments to the existing bilateral agreement concluded under Article 4 of the Arrangement between the EEC and Uruguay, concerning trade in textiles.¹

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 amendment to the participating countries.

¹For original agreement and previous amendments see COM.TEX/SB/456 and 487.

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

AGREED MINUTE (1)

Following a request from the European Economic Community made by Note Verbale dated 23 October 1979, consultations were held on 23 and 26 January 1980 between Uruguay and the Community to discuss trade in woven wool fabrics Category 50 with a Community region - the United Kingdom.

1. The two delegations discussed the Community request and, in a spirit of cooperation, Uruguay agreed to limit exports of wool fabrics (category 50) as a whole and within such limit to a maximum export of worsted products (as defined below), as follows :-

	<u>Category 50</u>	<u>of which not more than of worsted products *</u>
1980	165	135
1981	176	146
1982	188	158

- * 'Worsted products' comprised in Category 50 are defined in the Nimexe code as follows :-

<u>NIMEXE Code</u>	<u>CCT reference</u>	<u>Statistical subdivision</u>	<u>Description of goods</u>	<u>SITC Code</u>
	A		Containing 85% or more by weight of wool or of wool and fine animal hair	
		IX	Fabrics of combed yarn (worsted), of a weight per square metre of :	
53.11.11		a	More than 375 g	654.22
53.11.13		b	200 g or more but not exceeding 375 g	654.22
53.11.17		c	Less than 200 g	654.22
	B		Containing less than 85% by weight of wool or of wool and fine animal hair	
		II	Containing a total of 10% or less by weight of textile materials of Chapter 50.	

<u>NIMEXE Code</u>	<u>CCT reference</u>	<u>Statistical subdivision</u>	<u>Description of goods</u>	<u>SITC Code</u>
		c	Fabrics mixed mainly or solely with discontinuous synthetic fibres	
		2	Of yarn of combed wool (worsted), of a weight per square metre of :	
53.11-72		aa	More than 375 g	654.32
53.11-74		bb	200 g or more but not exceeding 375 g	654.32
53.11-75		cc	Less than 200 g	654.32
		d	Other mixed fabrics	
		2	Fabrics of combed yarn (worsted), of a weight per square metre of :	
53.11-91		aa	More than 375 g	654.33
53.11-93		bb	200 g or more but not exceeding 375 g	654.33
53.11-97		cc	Less than 200 g	654.33

2. Trade in this product would, with effect from 1 March 1980, be subject to the provisions of the double-checking system annexed to this minute.
3. Imports into the Community of this product would not be subject to the quantitative limits, provided that they were declared to be for re-export outside the Community in the same state or after processing, under the administrative system of control set up for this purpose within the Community.

However, the release for home use of products imported under the conditions referred to above would be subject to the production of an export certificate issued by the Uruguay authorities, and to proof of origin in accordance with the provisions of Protocol B of the Bilateral Agreement.

Where the authorities in the Community found that imports of textile products had been set off against a quantitative limit, but that the products had subsequently been re-exported outside the Community, the authorities concerned would inform the Uruguay authorities within four weeks of the quantities involved and authorize imports of identical quantities of the same products,

which would not be set off against the quantitative limit for the current or the following year.

4. a) Uruguay undertook to supply the Community with precise statistical information on all export certificates issued by the Uruguay authorities.
 - b) The Community would likewise transmit to the Uruguay authorities precise statistical information on import authorizations or documents issued by the Community authorities.
 - c) The information referred to above would be transmitted before the end of the second month following the quarter to which the statistics relate.
 - d) Should it be found on analysis of the information exchanged that there were significant discrepancies between the returns for exports and those for imports, consultations could be initiated in accordance with the procedure specified in Article 6 of the Bilateral Agreement.
5. a) In any year advance use of a portion of the quantitative limit established for the following year was authorized up to 5% of the quantitative limit for the current year.
 - b) Carryover to the corresponding quantitative limit for the following year of amounts not used during any year was authorized up to 5% of the quantitative limit for the current year.
 - c) Transfers between categories 46 and 50 could be made up to 5% of the quantitative limit for the category to which the transfer is made.
 - d) The increase in either category resulting from the cumulative application of the provisions of paragraph a), b) and c) above during any year would not exceed 15%.
 - e) Prior notification would be given by the authorities of Uruguay in the event of recourse to the above provisions.

6. It was agreed that the provisions concerning certificates of origin contained in Articles 2 to 6 inclusive of Protocol B of the Bilateral Agreement should apply mutatis mutandis to export certificates.
7. The two sides noted that in view of the provisions of paragraph 3 of this Minute, the quantitative limits and therefore the double-checking system did not apply to imports of the product declared to be for re-export outside the Community in the same state or after processing.
8. The two sides finally agreed to exchange statistics on trade during the first two months of 1980 as soon as possible after March 1, 1980, in order to agree the quantities of net imports exported from Uruguay during that period.

ANNEX

TO AGREED MINUTE (1) BETWEEN URUGUAY
AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

Double-Checking System

Section I : Exportation

1. The competent authorities of Uruguay shall issue an export certificate in respect of all consignments from Uruguay of the products subject to quantitative limit, up to the relevant quantitative limits as may be modified by the agreed minute.
2. The export certificate shall conform to the model attached to this Annex. It must certify, inter alia, that the quantity of the product in question has been set off against the prescribed quantitative limit.
3. The competent Community authorities must be notified forthwith of the withdrawal or alteration of any export certificate already issued.
4. Exports shall be set off against the quantitative limits established for the year in which shipment of the goods has been effected, even if the export certificate is issued after such shipment.

Section II : Importation

5. Importation into the Community of products subject to quantitative limits shall be subject to the presentation of an import authorization or document.
6. The competent Community authorities shall issue such import authorization or document automatically within five working days of the presentation by the importer of the corresponding export certificate. The import authorization or document shall be valid for six months.

7. a) If the competent Community authorities find that the total quantities covered by export certificates issued by Uruguay in any year exceeds a quantitative limit, as may be modified by paragraph 3 of the agreed minute, the said authorities may suspend the further issue of import authorizations or documents. In this event, the competent Community authorities shall immediately inform the authorities of Uruguay and the consultation procedure, set out in Article 6 of the Agreement shall be initiated forthwith.
- b) Exports of Uruguay origin not covered by Uruguay export certificates issued in accordance with the provisions of this Annex may be refused the issue of import authorizations or documents by the competent Community authorities. However, if the imports of such products are allowed into the Community by the competent Community authorities, the quantities involved shall not be set off against the appropriate limits without the express agreement of Uruguay.

AGREED MINUTE (2)

Following a request from the European Economic Community made by Note Verbale dated 17 January 1980, consultations were held from 11 to 15 February 1980 between Uruguay and the Community to discuss trade in woven wool fabrics Category 50 with a Community region - the Benelux.

1. The two delegations discussed the Community request and, in a spirit of cooperation, Uruguay agreed to limit exports of wool fabrics (category 50) as a whole and within such limit to a maximum export of worsted products (as defined below), as follows :-

	<u>Category 50</u>	<u>of which not more than of worsted products *</u>
1980	140	125
1981	150	135
1982	161	146

* 'Worsted products' comprised in Category 50 are defined in the Nimexe code as follows :-

<u>NIMEXE Code</u>	<u>CCT reference</u>	<u>Statistical subdivision</u>	<u>Description of goods</u>	<u>SITC Code</u>
	A		Containing 85% or more by weight of wool or of wool and fine animal hair	
		II	Fabrics of combed yarn (worsted), of a weight per square metre of	
53.11.11		a	More than 375 g	654.22
53.11.13		b	200 g or more but not exceeding 375 g	654.22
53.11.17		c	Less than 200 g	654.22
	B		Containing less than 85% by weight of wool or of wool and fine animal hair	
		II	Containing a total of 10% or less by weight of textile materials of Chapter 50.	

<u>NIMEXE</u> <u>Code</u>	<u>CCT</u> <u>reference</u>	<u>Statistical</u> <u>subdivision</u>	<u>Description of goods</u>	<u>SITC</u> <u>Code</u>
		c	Fabrics mixed mainly or solely with discontinuous synthetic fibres	
		2	Of yarn of combed wool (worsted), of a weight per square metre of :	
53.11-72		aa	More than 375 g	654.32
53.11-74		bb	200 g or more but not exceeding 375 g	654.32
53.11-75		cc	Less than 200 g	654.32
		d	Other mixed fabrics	
		2	Fabrics of combed yarn (worsted), of a weight per square metre of :	
53.11-91		aa	More than 375 g	654.33
53.11-93		bb	200 g or more but not exceeding 375 g	654.33
53.11-97		cc	Less than 200 g	654.33

2. Trade in this product would, with effect from 1 April 1980, be subject to the provisions of the double-checking system annexed to this minute.

3. Imports into the Community of this product would not be subject to the quantitative limits, provided that they were declared to be for re-export outside the Community in the same state or after processing, under the administrative system of control set up for this purpose within the Community.

However, the release for home use of products imported under the conditions referred to above would be subject to the production of an export certificate issued by the Uruguay authorities, and to proof of origin in accordance with the provisions of Protocol B of the Bilateral Agreement.

Where the authorities in the Community found that imports of ~~textile products~~ had been set off against a quantitative limit, but that the products had subsequently been re-exported outside the Community, the authorities concerned would inform the Uruguay authorities within four weeks of the quantities involved and authorize imports of identical quantities of the same products,

which would not be set off against the quantitative limit for the current or the following year.

6. a) Uruguay undertook to supply the Community with precise statistical information on all export certificates issued by the Uruguay authorities.
 - b) The Community would likewise transmit to the Uruguay authorities precise statistical information on import authorizations or documents issued by the Community authorities.
 - c) The information referred to above would be transmitted before the end of the second month following the quarter to which the statistics relate.
 - d) Should it be found on analysis of the information exchanged that there were significant discrepancies between the returns for exports and those for imports, consultations could be initiated in accordance with the procedure specified in Article 6 of the Bilateral Agreement.
5. a) In any year advance use of a portion of the quantitative limit established for the following year was authorized up to 5% of the quantitative limit for the current year.
 - b) Carryover to the corresponding quantitative limit for the following year of amounts not used during any year was authorized up to 5% of the quantitative limit for the current year.
 - c) The increase in either category resulting from the cumulative application of the provisions of paragraph a) and b) above during any year would not exceed 15%.
 - d) Prior notification would be given by the authorities of Uruguay in the event of recourse to the above provisions.

6. It was agreed that the provisions concerning certificates of origin contained in Articles 2 to 6 inclusive of Protocol B of the Bilateral Agreement should apply mutatis mutandis to export certificates.
7. The two sides noted that in view of the provisions of paragraph 3 of this Minute, the quantitative limits and therefore the double-checking system did not apply to imports of the product declared to be for re-export outside the Community in the same state or after processing.
8. The two sides finally agreed to exchange statistics on trade during the first two months of 1980 as soon as possible after April 1, 1980, in order to agree the quantities of net imports exported from Uruguay during that period.

ANNEX

TO AGREED MINUTE (2) BETWEEN URUGUAY
AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

Double-Checking System

Section I: Exportation

1. The competent authorities of Uruguay shall issue an export certificate in respect of all consignments from Uruguay of the products subject to quantitative limit, up to the relevant quantitative limits as may be modified by the agreed minute.
2. The export certificate shall conform to the model attached to this Annex. It must certify, inter alia, that the quantity of the product in question has been set off against the prescribed quantitative limit.
3. The competent Community authorities must be notified forthwith of the withdrawal or alteration of any export certificate already issued.
4. Exports shall be set off against the quantitative limits established for the year in which shipment of the goods has been effected, even if the export certificate is issued after such shipment.

Section II : Importation

5. Importation into the Community of products subject to quantitative limits shall be subject to the presentation of an import authorization or document.
6. The competent Community authorities shall issue such import authorization or document automatically within five working days of the presentation by the importer of the corresponding export certificate. The import authorization or document shall be valid for six months.

7. a) If the competent Community authorities find that the total quantities covered by export certificates issued by Uruguay in any year exceeds a quantitative limit, as may be modified by paragraph 5 of the agreed minute, the said authorities may suspend the further issue of import authorizations or documents. In this event, the competent Community authorities shall immediately inform the authorities of Uruguay and the consultation procedure, set out in Article 6 of the Agreement shall be initiated forthwith.
- b) Exports of Uruguay origin not covered by Uruguay export certificates issued in accordance with the provisions of this Annex may be refused the issue of import authorizations or documents by the competent Community authorities. However, if the imports of such products are allowed into the Community by the competent Community authorities, the quantities involved shall not be set off against the appropriate limits without the express agreement of Uruguay.

<p>1 Country of origin Pays d'origine</p>	<p>7 Origin year Année d'origine</p>	<p>8 Category No. 001 N° de catégorie</p>	
<p>EXPORT CERTIFICATE (Textile products) CERTIFICAT D'EXPORTATION (Produits textiles)</p>			
<p>3 Complete name and address (country) Désignation (nom, adresse complète pays)</p>	<p>6 Country of origin Pays d'origine</p>	<p>5 Country of destination Pays de destination</p>	
<p>2 Place and date of issue - Month of transport Lieu et date d'émission - Mois de transport</p>	<p>9 Supplementary details Détails supplémentaires</p>		
<p>10 Marks and numbers - Number and kind of packages - DESCRIPTION OF GOODS Marques et numéros - Nombre et nature des colis - DÉSIGNATION DES MARCHANDISES</p>		<p>11 Quantity (1) Quantité (1)</p>	<p>12 FOB value (2) Valeur FOB (2)</p>
<p>13 CERTIFICATION BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY - VISA DE L'AUTORITÉ COMPÉTENTE I, the undersigned, certify that the goods described above have been charged against the quantitative limit established for the year shown in box No 3 in respect of the category shown in box No 4 by the provisions regulating trade in textile products with the European Economic Community Je soussigné certifie que les marchandises ci-dessus ont été imputées sur la limite quantitative fixée pour l'année indiquée dans le case No 3 pour la catégorie indiquée dans le case No 4 dans le cadre des dispositions régissant les échanges de produits textiles avec la Communauté Economique Européenne</p>			
<p>14 Competent authority name and address (country) Autorité compétente (nom, adresse complète pays)</p>	<p>AI - A</p>		

1) To be filled in by the exporter or his representative in the country of origin. 2) To be filled in by the exporter or his representative in the country of origin. 3) To be filled in by the exporter or his representative in the country of origin. 4) To be filled in by the exporter or his representative in the country of origin. 5) To be filled in by the exporter or his representative in the country of origin. 6) To be filled in by the exporter or his representative in the country of origin. 7) To be filled in by the exporter or his representative in the country of origin. 8) To be filled in by the exporter or his representative in the country of origin. 9) To be filled in by the exporter or his representative in the country of origin. 10) To be filled in by the exporter or his representative in the country of origin. 11) To be filled in by the exporter or his representative in the country of origin. 12) To be filled in by the exporter or his representative in the country of origin. 13) To be filled in by the exporter or his representative in the country of origin. 14) To be filled in by the exporter or his representative in the country of origin.