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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment to the Bilateral Agreement (MFA II) between Finland and Hong Kong

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification from Finland of a further amendment to its Article 4 bilateral agreement, concluded under the 1977 Protocol of Extension to the MFA, with Hong Kong.^{1/}

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

^{1/} The original agreement and a previous amendment are to be found in COM.TEX/SB/609 and 666.

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

The Honourable W. Dorward, CBE, JP,
Director of Trade Industry and Customs,
Trade Industry and Customs Department,
15/F., Ocean Centre,
5 Canton Road,
Kowloon,
Hong Kong.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the Memorandum of Understanding concerning trade in certain textile products between Hong Kong and Finland done in Hong Kong on 2 July 1980, as amended by our exchange of notes in January 1981. I have the honour to refer further to consultations between the two Governments which have taken place in Helsinki on 10 November 1981.

2. As a result of the above-mentioned consultations, I propose on behalf of the Government of Finland that the Memorandum of Understanding be further amended as follows:

- (i) As of 1 October 1981, Category E6 (blouses, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly by weight of cotton or of man-made fibres, women's and girls' wear) shall be removed from the list of products in Annex II to the Memorandum of Understanding. The Government of Hong Kong may continue to issue export licences against export authorisations approved prior to 1 October 1981, subject to sub-paragraph (iii) below.

(ii) As of 1 October 1981, the following Category shall be added to Annex I to the Memorandum of Understanding

(a) Category	(b) Finnish Statistical Classification No.	(c) Hong Kong Statistical Classification No.	(d) Description
	61.02.502	843 511	Blouses, not knitted
	61.02.505	843 512	crocheted, wholly or
	61.02.506	843 521	mainly by weight of
ex	61.02.509	843 522	cotton or of man-made fibres, women's and girls' wear. "
	(e)	(f)	(g)
	Restraint Limit		
	1 August 1980	1 August 1981	Conversion Factor
	to	to	(Square yards
	31 July 1981	31 July 1982	equivalent per dozen)
"	Not	463 109	
applicable		pieces	20 sq. yd. / doz.

(iii) For the purposes of applying paragraph 5 of the Memorandum of Understanding, Hong Kong shall debit all exports of Category E6 since 1 August 1981, licensed against export authorisations approved prior to 1 October 1981, to the restraint limit for Category 5 for the period 1 August 1981 to 31 July 1982. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 6 of the Memorandum of Understanding, Finland shall admit such exports of Category E6.

3. If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of Hong Kong, this note and your note of acceptance on behalf of the Government of Hong Kong shall constitute a further amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Governments of Finland and Hong Kong.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

(E. Pajari)

Ambassador E. Pajari,
Special Trade Advisor,
Ministry for Foreign Affairs,
Finland.

23 November 1981

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note of 13 November 1981 proposing a further amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between Finland and Hong Kong done in Hong Kong on 2 July 1980, as amended by our previous exchange of notes in January 1981, and to confirm that your proposed amendment is acceptable to the Government of Hong Kong.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

(W. Dorward)