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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment to Agreement between Sweden and Hong Kong^{1/}

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from Sweden a notification concerning an amendment to its bilateral agreement with Hong Kong, concluded under the 1977 Protocol of Extension, in which modifications are made to consultation procedures for two sub-groups covering costumes, dresses and skirts.

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures 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 present agreement with Hong Kong is contained in COM.TEX/SB/712

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

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

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the Memorandum of Understanding concerning trade in certain textile products between Hong Kong and Sweden, signed on 1 April 1981. I have the honour to refer further to consultations between the two Governments which have taken place in Stockholm on 18-19 May 1982.

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

(i) As of 20 May 1982, Sub Group IXb shall be removed from the list of Sub Groups in Annex IV to the Memorandum of Understanding.

(ii) As of 20 May 1982, the following Sub Group shall be added to Annex IV to the Memorandum of Understanding:

<u>Sub Group</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Swedish Tariff No.</u>
(a)	(b)	(c)

" IXa	Costumes, dresses and skirts, knitted or crocheted	60.05.60-
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<u>Hong Kong Classification No.</u>	<u>Percentages of relevant specific Group restraint limits (as set out in Annex I)</u>	
(d)	(e)	(f)
" ex 845 211-212	44%	50%
ex 845 213-218		
ex 845 221-222		
ex 845 223-228		
ex 845 231-232		
ex 845 233-238		
ex 845 241-242		
ex 845 243-248		
ex 845 917		
ex 845 937		
ex 845 957		
ex 845 977		"

(iii)

The following footnote shall be added against Sub Group IXa in Annex IV to the Memorandum of Understanding:

"Footnote: For the purpose of Article 12(c) of the Memorandum of Understanding, the level of export authorisations issued shall be deemed to include quantities covered by export licences endorsed by the Trade Industry and Customs Department during 1 April 1982 - 19 May 1982."

(iv)

As of 20 May 1982, the following Sub Group shall be added to Annex V to the Memorandum of Understanding:

Group No. (a)	Ex Swedish Tariff Classification No. (b)	Hong Kong Classification No. (c)	Description (d)
" IX b	61.02.ex 006, 20-, 30-, ex99-	ex 843 211-212 ex 843 214-215 ex 843 221-222 ex 843 224-225 ex 843 231-232 ex 843 234-235 ex 843 311-312 ex 843 321-322 ex 843 331-332 ex 843 914-916 ex 843 930 ex 843 937 ex 843 950 ex 843 957 ex 843 970 ex 843 977	Costumes (including two or three piece suits) and dresses, women's girls' and infants' wear, not knitted or crocheted.

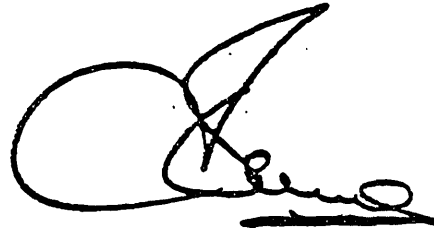
3. If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of Hong Kong, this letter and your letter of acceptance on behalf of the Government of Hong Kong shall constitute an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Governments of Sweden and Hong Kong.

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

Madam,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 23 June 1982 proposing an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between Sweden and Hong Kong signed on 1 April 1981. I confirm that your proposed amendment is acceptable to the Government of Hong Kong.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'W. Dorward', with a large loop at the beginning and a horizontal line at the end.

(W. Dorward)

Mrs. U. Bohm,
Acting Consul General,
Swedish Consulate General,
Hong Kong.