

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Bilateral Agreement between Sweden and Singapore

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from Sweden a notification of a new bilateral agreement with Singapore, concluded under Article 4 of the MFA, valid for the period 1 December 1981 to 30 November 1983.¹

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article 4², has examined the relevant documentation and is forwarding the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.³

¹The previous bilateral agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/629

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

³For the TSB's observations on this notification, see COM.TEX/SB/840, paragraphs 5 to 8.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN REGARDING EXPORTS OF
CERTAIN TEXTILE PRODUCTS FROM SINGAPORE TO SWEDEN

Article 1

The following Agreement has been reached on the basis of the Arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles, particularly Article 1:2 and Article 4 thereof, and the provisions of GATT document COM.TEX/W/47.

Article 2

The Agreement shall apply for the periods specified in Annex I.

Article 3

- (a) The Agreement shall apply to exports from Singapore to Sweden of the textile products described in Annex I hereof of cotton, wool, man-made fibres, or blend thereof, in which any or all of those fibres in combination represent either the chief value of the fibres or 50 per cent or more by weight (or 17 per cent or more by weight of wool).
- (b) This Agreement shall also apply to the products described in Annex I hereof, which are manufactured from impregnated fabrics as defined in (c).
- (c) Fabrics of cotton, wool or man-made fibres or any blend containing one or more of those fibres in which either wool represents 17 per cent or more by weight or any or all of those fibres in combination represent 50 per cent or more by weight

of the unfinished fabric shall be defined as "impregnated fabrics" where those fabric have been impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with preparations of cellulose derivatives or of other artificial plastic materials whatever the nature of the plastic material (compact, foam, sponge or expanded).

- The definition does not cover:
- Fabrics which, after impregnation, coating, covering or laminating, cannot, without fracturing, be bent manually around a cylinder of a diameter of 7 mm at a temperature between 15°C and 30°C. Fabrics either completely embedded in artificial plastic material or coated or covered on both sides with such material.

Article 4

The Government of Singapore will limit exports from Singapore to Sweden of the textile products listed in Annex I to the levels/sublevels set out in that Annex. The date of issue of shipping documents is considered to be the date of exportation.

Article 5

In addition to the flexibility incorporated in the Groups in Annex I hereof, the following provisions shall apply:-

- (a) If in the period 1 Dec 1980 to 30 November 1981, exports from Singapore to Sweden of the products covered by the Agreement of 22 November 1979 are less than the corresponding levels/sublevels as specified in column (f) of the Annex thereto, the

the Government of Singapore may, after consultation with the Government of Sweden, during the period 1 December 1981 to 30 November 1982 approve the export of additional amounts (carryover) equivalent to such shortfalls provided that such exports

i) are in the same Groups/subgroups where the shortfalls occurred;

ii) do not exceed 5 per cent of the level/sublevels of these Groups specified in the Agreement of 22 November 1979.

(b) If in the period 1 December 1981 to 30 November 1982 exports from Singapore to Sweden of the products covered by specific levels/sublevels in Annex I to this Agreement are less than the corresponding levels specified in column (e) of that Annex, the Government of Singapore may, after consultation with the Government of Sweden, for the period 1 December 1982 to 30 November 1983 approve the export of additional amounts (carryover) equivalent to such shortfalls provided that such exports

i) are in the same Groups/subgroups where the shortfalls occurred;

ii) do not exceed 5 per cent of the levels/sublevels set out in column (e) of Annex I to this Agreement.

(c) During the period 1 December 1981 to 30 November 1982 the Government of Singapore, after informing the Government of Sweden the details of computation, may approve the export of amounts in excess of the levels/sublevels set out in column (e) of Annex I to this Agreement up to 5 percent of those levels (carry forward). Carry forward to Groups IV and V shall not exceed 5 per cent of the aggregate level for these Groups, of which no more than 40 per cent may be utilized for Group IV and no more than 80 per cent may be utilized for Group V. Where the specific levels/sublevels are increased by carry forward the Government of Singapore shall inform the Government of Sweden of the carry forward quantities and debit these to the corresponding levels/sublevels for the period 1 December 1982 to 30 November 1983 set out in column (f) of Annex I to this Agreement.

(d) During the period 1 December 1982 to 30 November 1983 the Government of Singapore, after informing the Government of Sweden the details of computation, may approve the export of amounts in excess of the levels/sublevels set out in column (f) of Annex I to this Agreement up to 5 percent of those levels (carry forward). Carry forward to Groups IV and V shall not exceed 5 per cent of the aggregate level for these Groups, of which no more than 40 per cent may be utilized for Group IV and no more than 80 per cent may be utilized for Group V. Where the specific levels/sublevels are increased by carry forward the Government of Singapore shall inform the Government of Sweden of

the Carry forward quantities and debit these to any corresponding levels/sublevels that may be agreed for a subsequent restraint period.

- (e) During each restraint period specified in Annex I, the additional export quantities covered by carry over and carry forward taken together shall, for each Group/subgroup, not exceed 5 per cent of the respective agreed levels/sublevels.

Article 6

The Government of Sweden will admit imports of the textile products of Singapore origin, listed in Annex I, only when such products are covered by a certificate of origin as per specimen in Annex II. Such a document shall be issued by the Certificate of Origin Office of the Controller of Imports and Exports, Singapore, be consecutively numbered, state the group number and bear an endorsement by the Department of Trade of the Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore, that the consignments concerned have been approved and debited to the agreed limit for exports to Sweden for the relevant period.

Article 7

If the information available to the Swedish authorities shows that the quantitative limit for the category of products specified in a Certificate of Origin has already been reached or the unused portion of that limit is insufficient to cover the goods specified in the certificate, the said authorities shall, as soon as possible, inform the Government of Singapore and if the latter does not give a satisfactory reply within 15 days, the Government of Sweden may refuse to admit any quantity in excess of the quantitative limit.

Article 8

Both parties regard it as essential that exports from Singapore to Sweden of the textile products listed in Annex I are evenly spaced throughout the period of agreement and that, in the allocation of quotas, due consideration is given to traditional patterns of trade. Accordingly, the Government of Singapore undertakes to provide a procedure to achieve this.

Article 9

The Government of Singapore will forward to the Government of Sweden, via the Embassy of Sweden in Singapore, monthly statistics on a cumulative basis of the quantities of the Groups I, II, IV, V, VI, VIII, IX, X, XIc, A and of the weight of the "rest group", listed in Annex I, for which duly endorsed certificates of origin for export to Sweden have been issued for the relevant period of agreement. The statistics shall reach the Government of Sweden within a period of two months from the month under reference.

The Government of Sweden will provide the Government of Singapore with monthly statistics on a cumulative basis of imports from the Republic of Singapore of the products listed in Annex I.

Article 10

The Government of Sweden and the Government of Singapore agree to consult each other, at the request of either party, when any problem arises from the implementation of this Agreement. The Government of Sweden and the Government of Singapore agree furthermore to enter into consultations on the prolongation, modification or removal of the limitations before the end of the period of the Agreement. If consultations do not result, within a reasonable period of time in a mutually satisfactory solution and the removal or modification of the limitations would result in serious damage

to its domestic producers of like or directly competitive products, the Government of Sweden may apply limitations to the extent and for such time as may be found necessary.

Article 11

The two Annexes to this Agreement shall be considered as integral part of it.

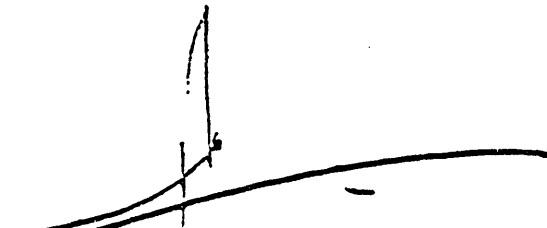
Article 12

This Agreement is concluded for a period of two years. Either Government may, however, at any time terminate this Agreement provided that at least ninety days' notice is given. In such event the Agreement shall come to an end on the expiry of the period of notice.

Article 13

This Agreement has been drawn up in two copies in the English language, each of those being equally authentic.

Done in Geneva on the 27th day of November 1981.


FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
SINGAPORE

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
SWEDEN



EXPORTS OF CERTAIN TEXTILES FROM SINGAPORE TO SWEDEN OF WOOL, COTTON, MAN-MADE FIBRES OR BLEND THEREOF
(SEE ARTICLE 3 OF THE AGREEMENT)

(a) Group No	(b) Ex Swedish Tariff Classification No	(c) Description	(d) Unit	(e) Level for period 1.12.81 - 30.11.82	(f) Level for period 1.12.82 - 30.11.83
I	60.03.00-, 10-, 90-	Stockings, under stockings, socks, ankle socks, sockettes and the like, knitted or crocheted, other than ladies' stockings of continuous synthetic fibres	Pairs	388,225	392,495
II	60.04.10- 61.03.10-	Shirts	Pcs	624,000	631,051
IV	60.04.70-, 80-, 90-	Underwear (including underwear T-shirts), knitted or crocheted, other than shirts, night-wear and tights	Pcs)))	1,194,000 Sublimit	1,206,179 Sublimit
V	60.05.30-	Sweaters, pullovers, slippers, jumpers and cardigans etc, (including outerwear T-shirts), knitted or crocheted	Pcs)))	Group IV = 477,600 Group V = 955,200	Group IV = 482,472 Group V = 964,943
VI	60.05.80-, 81-, 87-, 89- 61.01.003,004,006,10-, 45- 61.02.004,006,11-, 15-, 99-	Overcoats and jackets	Pcs	123,590	125,197
VIII	60.05.80-, 83- 61.01.003,005,50- 61.02.005,60-, 99-	Trousers, other than shorts (including work trousers eg trousers with bib and braces and trousers made of impregnated fabrics)	Pcs	506,000	511,009
IX	60.05.60- 61.02.006,20-, 30-, 40-, 99-	Costumes (including two- or three-piece ladies' costumes), dresses and skirts	Pcs	171,000	173,531
X	60.05.80-, 82 61.02.006,50-, 99-	Blouses	Pcs	457,000	462,027

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XIc	60.05.80-,87-,89- 61.01.003,006,70- 61.02.006,80-,99-	Shorts	Pcs	89,500	90,000
<u>Rest Group</u>					
III	60.04.21-,25- 61.03.20- 61.04.10-	Night-wear)))
VII	60.05.81,2,80-,89- 61.01.003,006,30-,41- 61.02.006,902-906,909	Suits, men's and boys' wear; lounge coats and blazers)))
XIa	60.05.10-,80-,89- 61.01.003,006,901-902 61.02.006,901,903-904 906-909,99-	Track suits)))
XIb	60.05.20-,80-,89- 61.01.003,006,904-909 61.02.006,902-906,909,99-	Bathing suits and trunks)))
XId	60.04.60-	Ranty hose and tights)))
A	60.05.80-,87-,89- 61.01.003,006,904-909 61.02.006,902-906,909,99-	Protective and work clothing (for industrial or occupational use, whether or not also suitable for domestic or leisure time use), rain suits and coveralls, including sets of such garments. (Individually packed and shipped overalls and work trousers are to be classified in group VIII))))
				84.5	85.9
			Metric tons		
				50	50.7
					Sublevel Group A

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<u>Rest Group</u> (cont'd)					
B	60.05.80-87-89- 61.01.003,006,904-909 61.02.006,902-906,909,99-	Sets of matching outer garments including interalia ski suits, which are invoiced, packed and shipped together as sets. (excluding costumes in group IX, bathing suits in group Xlb, rain suits in group A and suits in group D))		
D	60.05.80-87-89- 61.01.003,006,904-909 61.02.006,902-906,909,99- 61.03.90- 61.04.20-	Other under and outer garments, woven, knitted or crocheted)		
XII	62.01.101-900	Travelling rugs and blankets)		
XIII	62.02.792-3,11-,19-	Bed linen)		
XIV	62.02.792-3,31-,39-	Towels and similar articles)		

Exporter

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN/PROCESSING

No.

Consignee

Country of Origin of Goods

Country of Final Destination

Departure Date

Vessel's Name/Aircraft, etc.

Place of Discharge

(*Include Brand names if necessary)

NO UNAUTHORISED
ADDITION/
ALTERATION MAY
BE MADE TO THIS
CERTIFICATE ONCE
IT IS ISSUED

Marks & Numbers

No. & Kind of Packages
Description of Goods*

Quantity
& Unit

SPECIMEN

I hereby certify that evidence has been produced to satisfy me that the goods specified above are the manufacture or products of the country as shown above.

ORDINARY CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN
(CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN OFFICE)



Government of the
Republic of Singapore

for Controller of Imports
and Exports

The consignment above has been debited to
the agreed limit for export to Sweden

for Director
Department of Trade
Ministry of Trade & Industry
World Trade Centre
Singapore, 4.
Republic of Singapore