

**. GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE**

RESTRICTED

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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Report on the Status of Restrictive Measures
as requested by the TSB in accordance with Article 11¹

HONG KONG

Attached is a report received by the Textiles Surveillance Body from Hong Kong concerning the present status of its restrictions on trade in textiles and clothing. This report has been submitted in accordance with Article 11¹ of the Arrangement, and in particular paragraphs 11, 12 and 2 thereof.²

¹See COM.TEX/SB/859, paragraph 17

²The previous report by Hong Kong is contained in COM.TEX/SB/809/Add.5

19 August 1983

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Dear Mr. Chairman,

In response to your letter of 28 June 1983 inviting the submission of information from participating countries on restrictions introduced or maintained by them on trade in textiles, I wish to inform you that Hong Kong maintains no restrictions except on exports covered by bilateral agreements entered into between Hong Kong and certain importing countries under the provisions of the MFA.

Since the circulation of COM.TEX/SB/809/Add.5 in December 1982, Hong Kong has entered into bilateral agreements with a number of importing countries and agreed to certain amendments to agreements reported earlier. These are set out below :

A. Agreements/amendments which have been notified to the TSB and circulated to the Textiles Committee

<u>Importing Country</u>	<u>Document</u>
Finland	COM.TEX/SB/785
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Switzerland	COM.TEX/SB/793
U.S.A.	COM.TEX/SB/818
Sweden	COM.TEX/SB/826
Austria	COM.TEX/SB/855

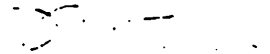
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B. Agreements/amendments which have been ratified but not yet notified to the TSB

<u>Importing Country</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Canada	An agreement covering the period 1 January 1982 to 31 December 1986
Switzerland	An extension of the agreement notified under COM.TEX/SB/793 to cover the period 1 July 1983 to 30 June 1984
Sweden	An extension of the agreement notified under COM.TEX/SB/712, as amended by COM.TEX/SB/826, to cover the period 1 April 1983 to 31 August 1983
Sweden	An agreement covering the period 1 September 1983 to 31 August 1987

In addition to the agreements/amendments set out in the above paragraph, Hong Kong and the EEC have initialled an agreement covering the period 1 January 1983 to 31 December 1986 and, pending ratification, Hong Kong is implementing the agreement on a de facto basis.

Yours sincerely,



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