

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES

Agreement Between Australia and Hong Kong

The following communication has been received from the permanent mission of Australia.

I refer to my letter of 25 March 1968 informing you that the Australian Government, acting under the authority of Article 3 of the Long-Term Cotton Textiles Arrangement, had requested the Government of Hong Kong to hold consultations with a view to limiting exports to Australia of cotton drills, denims, dungarees and jeans (falling within paragraph 55.09.49 in the First Schedule to the Australian Customs Tariff).

Attached is a joint notification from the Australian mission and the United Kingdom mission on behalf of Hong Kong referring to this matter.

Notification by the Governments of Australia and the United Kingdom on Behalf of Hong Kong

We have the honour to refer to the notification conveyed to the contracting parties in COT/97 of 8 April 1968.

Following consultations in Hong Kong it has been agreed by both parties that no limitation should at present be applied by the Government of Hong Kong to exports from Hong Kong to Australia of cotton drills, denims, dungarees and jeans (falling within paragraph 55.09.49 in the First Schedule to the Australian Customs Tariff); but that the consultations may be resumed urgently at a later date at the request of the Australian Government if in their opinion circumstances so warrant.

(signed) G.J. Hall
Counsellor (Commercial)

(signed) D.J.C. Jones
Counsellor
(Hong Kong Affairs)

Geneva, 14 August 1968

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