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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN
COTTON TEXTILES

Agreement Between Norway and Hong Kong

Addendum

The following communication has been received by the Director-General from the Norwegian delegation for notification to the Cotton Textiles Committee.

Pursuant to Article 4 of the Cotton Textiles Arrangement I have the honour to enclose a memorandum dated 6 November 1968, containing an agreement between the Government of Norway and the Government of Hong Kong.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

1. This Memorandum sets out the arrangements that have been agreed between the Governments of Norway and of Hong Kong regarding the limits that the Government of Hong Kong are to apply to exports of certain cotton garments for importation into Norway. It replaces and supersedes that signed at Hong Kong on 4 July 1967.

2. In reaching agreement on these arrangements, both Governments have had regard to the provisions of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Cotton Textiles and in particular to Article 4 of that Arrangement.

Coverage

3. These arrangements apply to Hong Kong's exports to Norway of the cotton garments listed in the Annex to this Memorandum.

Restraint period

4. These arrangements will apply from 1 October 1968 to 30 September 1970.

Restraint limits

5. From 1 October 1968 to 30 September 1969 being the first period under these arrangements, the Hong Kong Government will limit exports to the levels set out in column (c) of the Annex, save as provided for in paragraph 8.

6. The Government of Norway will not admit imports of the cotton garments of Hong Kong origin listed in the Annex unless such imports are covered by a Hong Kong export licence endorsed by the Commerce and Industry Department, Hong Kong, that the consignments concerned have been debited to the agreed levels.

Growth

7. From 1 October 1969 to 30 September 1970 being the second period of these arrangements, the Hong Kong Government will limit exports to the category levels listed in the Annex, increased by 4 per cent, save as provided for in paragraphs 8 and 9.

Swing

8. During each period, exports may exceed the limits for any category by not more than 10 per cent, provided that corresponding reductions are applied in other categories. For the purpose of calculating such corresponding reduction, the conversion factors listed in column (d) of the Annex shall apply.

Carryover

9. If, in the first period, exports from Hong Kong to Norway are less than the category levels, Hong Kong may export amounts equivalent to such short-falls in the second period provided that such exports -

(i) are in the categories where the short-falls occurred;

(ii) do not exceed 10 per cent of the levels in column (c) of the Annex.

Re-exports

10. The Government of Norway will, so far as possible, inform the Hong Kong Government when imports into Norway of cotton garments that have been debited to the agreed limits are subsequently re-exported from Norway. The Hong Kong Government may then credit the quantities involved to the appropriate limits.

Exchange of statistics

11. The Hong Kong Government will provide the Government of Norway with fortnightly statistics of exports of the cotton garments listed in the Annex, licensed for export to Norway and debited to the quantities set out in column (c) of the Annex.

12. The Government of Norway will, so far as possible, provide the Hong Kong Government with quarterly statistics of total imports and of imports from other significant suppliers of each of the items listed in the Annex.

Consultation

13. The Governments of Norway and Hong Kong agree to consult together, at the request of either party, on any matter arising from the implementation of these arrangements.

14. If the Hong Kong Government consider that, as a result of the restraint imposed by these arrangements, Hong Kong is being placed in an inequitable position vis-à-vis a third country, the Hong Kong Government may request the Government of Norway to consult with a view to appropriate remedial action such as a reasonable modification of these arrangements.

15. The Annex to this Memorandum shall be considered an integral part of it.

O. Moltke-Hansen,
Consul-General,

For the Government of Norway.

T.D. Sorby,
Director,
Commerce and Industry Department,
For the Government of Hong Kong.

6 November 1968

ANNEX

(See clause 3 of the Memorandum of Understanding.)

Hong Kong statistical classification No. (a)	Description (b)	Limit (dozens) (c)	Square yards equivalent of one dozen (d)
841 451	Undergarments and night garments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized, wholly or mainly of cotton, infants' wear	12,000	5.0
841 117	Slacks, shorts, jeans and trousers, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, men's and boys' wear	69,000	17.797
841 134	Skirts, dresses, frocks, gowns and housecoats, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, women's and girls' wear	37,000	45.3
841 170	Night garments, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, men's and boys' wear	} 25,000	51.96
841 186	Night garments, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, women's and girls' wear		