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**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
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Textiles Surveillance Body

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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Bilateral Agreement between Austria and Macao

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from Austria a notification of a new bilateral agreement with Macao, concluded under Article 4 of the MFA, valid for the period 1 January 1984 to 31 December 1986.¹

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

¹ The previous bilateral agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/693.

² See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

³ For the TSB's observations on this notification, see COM.TEX/SB/943.

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November 11, 1983.

Dr. Gerhard Waas
Director
Federal Ministry of
Commerce, Trade & Industry
Republic of Austria.

Dear Dr. Waas,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note dated November 7th regarding the understanding reached following consultations held between Austria and Macau on November 4th, 1983, here in the Territory.

I have taken due notice of its contents and I wish to inform you that the Macau Authorities are able to accept the understanding expressed in your note and that with the present letter I subscribe and agree that these shall constitute an agreement between Austria and Macau.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

João António Morais da Costa Pinto
Secretary for Economic Coordination
Government of Macau

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Hong Kong, 7 November 1983

Excellency,

1. I have the honour to refer to the ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES (hereinafter referred to as the ARRANGEMENT), done at Geneva on 20 December 1973, in particular its paragraph 4 and to the PROTOCOL EXTENDING THE ARRANGEMENT, done at Geneva on 22 December 1981.

2. I further wish to refer to the consultations which took place between representatives of Austria and Macao on the 4th of November 1983 in Macao. As a result of these consultations Austria and Macao have reached the following understanding.

3. Macao shall restrict exports to Austria of the textile products listed in the Annex to the levels set out in that Annex.

4. Upon presentation of certificates of origin (Certificados de Origem), issued by the Direcção dos Serviços de Economia de Macao, with an endorsement that the consignment has been debited to the respective export level, the competent Austrian authority will license the corresponding imports within and up to the agreed export levels.

5. Certificates of origin mentioned in paragraph 4 above shall cease to be valid after the expiration of 6 months after the end of the restraint period.

6. Transfer (swing) between the categories of the Annex to this Agreement may be made, after consultations between Austria and Macao, up to an amount of 5 per cent of the export limits

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for each of the receiving categories, provided that a corresponding reduction is applied in the export limits from which the transfer is made.

7. For the products mentioned in the Annex carry-over and carry forward taken together shall not exceed 10 per cent of which carry forward shall not represent more than 5 per cent.

8. Austria will provide Macao with statistics on a monthly and cumulative basis of import licenses and Macao will provide Austria with statistics on the same basis of certificates of origin issued in accordance with paragraph 4 above.

9. If necessary, at the request of Austria, Macao will provide more detailed information in respect of specific exports to Austria of the products listed in the Annex, showing the name of the exporters, the numbers and dates of certificates of origin issued, the dates of shipments as well as the quantities of the products covered by these certificates of origin.

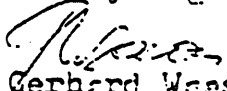
10. In respect of woven undergarments of synthetic fibres, women's, girls' and infants' wear, CCCN. No. ex 61.04, the competent Austrian authority will upon presentation of certificates of origin (Certificados de Origen) issued by the Direcção dos Serviços de Economia de Macao automatically issue import licenses and will provide Macao with information concerning such import licenses on a monthly basis.

Should imports of the above mentioned products from Macao to Austria develop in such a manner which, in the view of Austria, causes real risks of market disruption, Austria may request consultations with a view to reaching a restraint agreement on mutually acceptable terms.

11. Consultations regarding the conduct of exports of the products listed in the Annex will be held if so desired by either party.

If this proposal is acceptable to Macao, this note and your note of confirmation of Macao shall constitute an agreement between Austria and Macao.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.


Dr. Gerhard Waas
Director

ANNEX

Category	Description of product	Periods and levels of limitation(pieces)				Conversion factor for spinning purposes(pieces per KG)
		1 January 1984	1 January 1985	1 January 1986	31 December 1986	
		31 December 1984	31 December 1985	31 December 1986		
(1)	Slacks, shorts, jeans, trousers and divided skirts, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, CCCN. Nos. ex 61.01, ex 61.02	297,138	303,080	309,142		1.76
(2)	Woven blouses of manmade fibres or of cotton, CCCN. No. ex 61.02	352,321	359,367	366,554		5.0
(3)	woven shirts, wholly or mainly of discontinuous synthetic fibres or of cotton, CCCN. No. ex 61.03	223,859	228,336	232,903		5.0