

**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE**

Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Bilateral Agreement between Sweden and Singapore

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification from Sweden of a new bilateral agreement with Singapore, concluded under Article 4 of the MFA, valid for the period 1 December 1983 to 30 November 1988. The¹ new agreement superseded a provisional extension of the previous agreement.

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 and its provisional extension are contained in COM.TEX/SB/839 and 979

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B

³For the TSB's observations on this notification, see COM.TEX/SB/1072

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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 having regard to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles bearing in mind particularly the provisions of Article 1:2 and Article 4 thereof and the provisions of GATT document L/5276.

Article 2

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

Article 3

(a) This Agreement shall apply to exports from Singapore to Sweden of the textile products described in Annex I thereof, of cotton, wool or man-made fibres, or blends thereof, in which any or all of these 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 Annex II of this Agreement.

Article 4

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

Article 5

(a) If in the period 1 December 1982 to 30 November 1983 the group/sub-group limits specified in column (f) of Annex I to the Agreement of 24 November 1981 are not fully utilized, the Government of Singapore may, after consultation with the Government of Sweden, during the period 1 December 1983 to 30 November 1984 approve the export of additional amounts (carryover) equivalent to such shortfalls provided that such exports:

- (i) are in the same groups/sub-groups where the following shortfalls occurred;
- (ii) do not exceed 3 per cent of the levels of these groups/sub-groups specified in column (f) of Annex I to the Agreement of 24 November 1981

(b) If in any twelve months period of this Agreement, the group/sub-group limits specified in Annex I to this Agreement are not fully utilized, the Government of Singapore may, after informing the Government of Sweden, during the subsequent restraint period approve the export of additional amounts (carryover) equivalent to such shortfalls provided that such exports:

- (i) are in the same groups/sub-groups where the shortfalls occurred;
- (ii) do not exceed 3 per cent of the levels of these groups/sub-groups for the period during which the shortfalls occurred.

(c) During each of the periods in columns (e)-(i) of Annex I to this Agreement, the Government of Singapore may, after informing the Government of Sweden, approve the export of amounts in excess of the group/sub-group limits specified in Annex I to this Agreement up to 3 per cent of these limits (carry forward) for the relevant period. Where specific group/sub-group limits have been 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 group/sub-group limits, which are or may be agreed upon for the subsequent period.

(d) During each of the periods in columns (e)-(i) of Annex I to this Agreement the Government of Singapore may, after informing the Government of Sweden, approve the export of amounts in excess of the group/sub-group limits specified in Annex I to this Agreement up to 3 per cent (swing) of these limits. Where specific group/sub-group limits have been increased by swing a corresponding reduction shall be made in one or more of other group/sub-group limits. For the purpose of calculating swing, the conversion factors in Annex III shall apply.

(e) During each of the periods in columns (e)-(i) of Annex I to this Agreement, the additional export quantities resulting from carryover, carry forward and swing taken together shall, for each specific group/sub-group limit, not exceed 3 per cent of the respective agreed limit.

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 IV. Such a document shall be issued by the Controller of Imports and Exports, Singapore, be consecutively numbered, state the group number and bear an endorsement by the Trade Development Board, Singapore, that the consignments concerned have been approved and debited to the agreed limit for export 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 may refuse to admit any quantity in excess of the quantitative limit. In this event, the Government of Sweden shall inform the Government of Singapore as soon as possible. Should any excess quantity be permitted to enter Sweden the overshipped quantity shall be deducted from the relevant level which may be agreed for the following restraint period.

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 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11c, and of the weight of the "rest group", as well as of sub-groups A and 11b, 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 forward to the Government of Singapore monthly statistics on a cumulative basis of licences issued for imports from Singapore of the above-mentioned groups listed in Annex I. The statistics shall reach the Government of Singapore, via the Embassy of Sweden in Singapore, within a period of two months from the month of reference.

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 Agreement.

Article 11

The Government of Singapore and the Government of Sweden agree to collaborate with a view to taking appropriate action to avoid circumvention of limitations by such devices as trans-shipment, re-routing, fraud, etc.

Article 12

The Annexes of this Agreement shall be considered as integral parts of the Agreement.

Article 13

Either government may terminate this Agreement before the end of the period of validity, 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 14

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

Done in Singapore on 29 September 1984.

For the Government of Singapore

For the Government of Sweden

ANNEX I

EXPORTS OF CERTAIN TEXTILES FROM SINGAPORE TO SWEDEN

Group No. (a)	Ex Swedish Tariff Classification No. (b)	Description (c)	Unit (d)	Level for Period		Level for Period		Level for Period		Level for Period
				(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)		
1	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	83.12.01-	392,600	392,800	393,000	393,275	393,775	87.12.01-
				84.11.30	392,600	392,800	393,000	393,275	393,775	88.11.30
				85.11.30	392,600	392,800	393,000	393,275	393,775	88.11.30
2	60.04.10-, 61.03.10-	Shirts	Pcs	63.12.01-	631,200	631,500	632,000	632,320	632,980	86.12.01-
				84.11.30	631,200	631,500	632,000	632,320	632,980	87.11.30
4	60.04.70-, 80-, 90-	Underwear (including underwear T-shirts), knitted or crocheted other than shirts, night wear and tights.	Pcs	83.12.01-	1,206,700	1,207,000	1,208,000	1,208,500	1,209,750	87.12.01-
				84.11.30	1,206,700	1,207,000	1,208,000	1,208,500	1,209,750	88.11.30
				85.11.30	1,206,700	1,207,000	1,208,000	1,208,500	1,209,750	88.11.30
5	60.05.30-	Sweaters, pullovers, slippers, jumpers and cardigans etc. (including outerwear T-shirts), knitted or crocheted	Pcs	Sub-limit Group IV	482,680	482,800	483,200	483,600	483,900	86.12.01-
				Sub-limit Group V	965,360	965,600	966,400	966,800	967,800	87.11.30
				Sub-limit Group V	965,360	965,600	966,400	966,800	967,800	88.11.30
6	60.05.803-4, 809, 812, 815, 84-, 87, 89-61.01.003, 004, 006, 10-, 45-, 61.02.004, 006, 11-, 15-, 99-	Overcoats and jackets	Pcs	83.12.01-	125,260	126,540	128,500	130,445	132,250	87.12.01-
				84.11.30	125,260	126,540	128,500	130,445	132,250	88.11.30

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D	60.05.80-, 84-, 87-, 88-	Other under and outer garments, woven, knitted or crocheted.)								
	61.01.003, 006, 922, 904-909										
	61.02.006, 902-906, 905, 99-										
	61.03.90-										
	61.04.20-										
12	62.01.101-900	Travelling rugs and blankets)								
13	62.02.792-3, 11-, 19-	Bed linen)								
14	62.02.792-3, 31-, 39-	Towels and similar articles)								

Res: Group
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ANNEX II

DEFINITION OF "IMPREGNATED FABRICS" FOR THE PURPOSES OF ARTICLE 3

1. 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 fabrics 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).

2. The definition does not cover:

- (a) Fabrics which, after impregnation, coating, covering or lamination, cannot, without facturing, be bent manually around a cylinder of a diameter of 7 mm at a temperature between 15°C and 30°C.
- (b) Fabrics either completely embedded in artificial plastic materials or coated or covered on both sides with such material.

ANNEX III

For the purpose of calculating swing, the following conversion factors will apply:

<u>Group No.</u>	<u>Conversion Factor (pieces/kilogram)</u>
1	25
2	4.5
4/5	5.5
6	1.5
8	2
9	4
10	6
11C	6

	<p>REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE</p> <p>CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN / PROCESSING</p> <p style="text-align:center;">No.</p>	
<p>Consignee</p>	<p>Country of Origin of Goods</p>	<p>Country of Final Destination</p>
<p>Departure Date</p>	<p>NO UNAUTHORISED ADDITION/ ALTERATION MAY BE MADE TO THIS CERTIFICATE ONCE IT IS ISSUED</p>	
<p>Vessel's Name/Aircraft, etc.</p>		
<p>Port of Discharge</p>		
<p>(*Include Brand names if necessary)</p>		

Marks & Numbers	No. & Kind of Packages Description of Goods*	Quantity & Unit
<p style="font-size: 2em; transform: rotate(-15deg); opacity: 0.5;">SPECIMEN</p>		

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

ORDINARY CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN

Contributor Of Import and Exports
Trade Development Board
Republic of Singapore

Officer in Charge

The consignment above has been debited to the agreed limit for export to SWEDEN for Group No for pieces only. for Quota Year Date

