

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Bilateral Agreement between Sweden and Sri Lanka

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification from Sweden of a new bilateral agreement with Sri Lanka, concluded under Article 4 of the MFA, valid for the period 1 August 1984 to 31 July 1988.¹

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/852

² See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B

³ For the TSB's observations on this notification, see COM.TEX/SB/1079

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN
AND THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA
REGARDING EXPORTS OF CERTAIN TEXTILE PRODUCTS
FROM SRI LANKA 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 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

The Government of Sri Lanka will limit exports to Sweden of the textile products listed in Annex I to this Agreement to the levels set out in that Annex. The date of issue of shipping documents shall be considered to be the date of exportation.

Article 4

(a) This Agreement shall apply to exports from Sri Lanka to Sweden of the textile products described in Annex I hereof, of cotton, wool or man-made fibres, or blend thereof, in which any or all of those 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) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article, 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 5

The Government of Sweden will admit imports of the textile products of Sri Lanka origin, listed in Annex I, provided that such imports are covered by an Export Certificate, as per specimen in Annex III. Such a document shall be issued by the Ministry of Textile Industries, be consecutively numbered, state the group number, and bear an endorsement that the consignments concerned have been approved and debited in the agreed group levels for export to Sweden for the relevant period.

Article 6

(a) If in the period 1 August 1983 to 31 July 1984 the group/sub-group limits specified in column (f) of Annex I to the Agreement of 27 July 1982 are not fully utilized, the Government of Sri Lanka may, after consultation with the Government of Sweden, during the period 1 August 1984 to 31 July 1985 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 notional twelve months' limits of these groups/sub groups specified in column (f) of Annex I to the Agreement of 27 July 1982.

(b) If in any twelve months period of this Agreement, the group/sub-groups limits specified in Annex I to this Agreement are not fully utilized, the Government of Sri Lanka may, after consultation with 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 limits of these groups/sub-groups for the period during which the shortfalls occurred.

(c) During each of the periods in columns (e)-(h) of Annex I to this Agreement, the Government of Sri Lanka may, after consultation with 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 Sri Lanka 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)-(h) of Annex I to this Agreement the Government of Sri Lanka may, after consultations with 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 IV shall apply.

(e) During each of the periods in columns (e)-(h) 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 level.

Article 7

If the information available to the Swedish authorities shows that the quantitative limit for the category of products specified in a Export Certificate 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 Sri Lanka as soon as possible. Should any excess quantity be permitted to enter Sweden the Sri Lanka authorities shall, upon information by the Swedish authorities, deduct the overshipped quantity from the relevant level which is or may be agreed upon for the following restraint period.

Article 8

Both parties regard it as essential that exports to Sweden of goods 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 Sri Lanka undertakes to provide a procedure to achieve this.

Article 9

The Government of Sri Lanka will forward to the Government of Sweden, via the Embassy of Sweden in Colombo, quarterly statistics on a cumulative basis of the quantities of the groups 2, 8 and 10 and of the weight of the rest group, listed in Annex I, for which duly endorsed export certificates for exports to Sweden have been issued. The statistics shall reach the Government of Sweden within a period of two months from the month of reference.

The Swedish Government will forward to the Government of Sri Lanka monthly statistics on a cumulative basis of licences issued for imports from Sri Lanka of the above-mentioned groups listed in Annex I. The statistics shall reach the Government of Sri Lanka, via the Embassy of Sweden in Colombo, within a period of two months from the month of reference.

Article 10

The Government of Sweden and the Government of Sri Lanka agree to consult each other, at the request of either party, if any problem should arise from the implementation of this Agreement. The Government of Sweden and the Government of Sri Lanka agree furthermore to enter into consultations, before the end of the period of agreement on the conditions of a new agreement.

Article 11

The Government of Sri Lanka 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

Either government may terminate this Agreement before the end of the period of validity, provided that at least sixty days' notice is given. In such event the Agreement shall come to an end on the expiry of the period of notice.

Article 13

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

Article 14

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

Done in Colombo on 2 August 1984.

For the Government of Sweden

For the Government of Sri Lanka

ANNEX I

EXPORTS OF CERTAIN TEXTILES FROM SRI LANKA TO SWEDEN

(a) Group No	(b) Ex Swedish Statistical Classification No 'CCCN)	(c) Description	(d) Unit	(e) Level for Period 1.8.84- 31.7.85	(f) Level for Period 1.8.85- 31.7.86	(g) Level for Period 1.8.86- 31.7.87	(h) Level for Period 1.8.87- 31.7.88
2	60.04.10- 61.03.10-	Shirts	Pcs	456.077	458.357	460.649	462.952
8	60.05.80-, 83-, 84- 61.01.005, 003, 50- 61.02.005, 60-, 99-	Trousers, other than shorts, (including work trousers e g trousers with bib and braces and trousers made of impregnated fabrics)	Pcs	189.595	190.543	191.496	192.453
10	60.05.80-, 82-, 84- 61.02.006, 50-, 99-	Blouses	Pcs	466.167	468.498	470.841	473.195

Two or more pieces of garments delivered in combination, even if packed, consigned and sold together, should be charged against the group to which every single piece of the combination belongs.

(a) Group No	(b) Ex Swedish Classification No (CCCN)	(c) Description	(d) Unit	(e) Level for 1984-1985	(f) Level for 1985-1986	(g) Level for 1986-1987	(h) Level for 1987-1988
REST GROUP							
1, 3-7, 9, 11a-d, 11f-i, 12-14	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		198.84-31.7.85	198.85-31.7.86	198.86-31.7.87	198.87-31.7.88
	60.04.21-, 25-, 60-, 70-, 80-, 90-	Under garments, knitted or crocheted, other than shirts (ex group 2)					
	60.05.10-, 20-, 30-, 60-, 80-, 81-, 84-, 85-, 87-, 89-	Outerwear, knitted or crocheted, other than trousers other than shorts (ex group 8), blouses (ex group 10) and shorts (ex group 11c)					
	61.01.003, 004, 006, 10-, 30-, 41-, 45-, 70-, 90-, 912, 922, 95-	Men's and boys' woven outer garments other than trousers other than shorts (ex group 8)	Kilo-grammes	* 62.363	* 62.987	* 63.617	* 64.253
	61.02.004, 006, 11-, 15-, 20-, 30-, 40-, 80-, 90-, 946, 95-, 99-	Women's, girls' and infants' woven outer garments other than trousers other than shorts (ex group 8) and blouses (ex group 10)					
	61.03.20- 61.04.10-	Men's, boys', women's, girls' and infants' nightwear, not knitted or crocheted					

*Out of this quantity not more than 25% may be used for Group 4, under garments; not more than 40% may be used for Group 6, overcoats and jackets and not more than 20% may be used for Group 11c, shorts

Two or more pieces of garments delivered in combination, even if packed, consigned and sold together, should be charged against the group to which every single piece of the combination belongs.

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REST GROUP, continued							
	61.01.a11	Travelling rugs and blankets					
	62.02.11-, 19-, 792-3	Bed linen					
	62.02.31-, 39-, 792-3	Towels and similar articles					

ANNEX II


Definition of "impregnated fabrics" for the purposes of Article 4

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 material or coated or covered on both sides with such material.

ANNEX III

ORIGINAL		Importer's copy	? No.
1 Exporter (name, full address, country)		EXPORT CERTIFICATE (TEXTILE PRODUCTS)	
3 Consignee (name, full address, country)			
6 Place and date of shipment - Means of transport		4 Quota period	5 Group number
		7 Country of origin	8 Country of destination
10 Marks and numbers - Number and kind of packages - DESCRIPTION OF GOODS		9 Approved and debited quantity against restraint level	
		11 Quantity or weight	12 FOB Value
		13 CERTIFICATION BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY I, the undersigned, certify that the goods described above are originating in in accordance with provisions in force in Sweden and these goods have been charged against the quantitative limit established for the quota year shown in box no 4 in respect of the group shown in box no 5 by the provisions regulating trade in textile products with Sweden.	
14 Competent authority (name, full address, country)		At	
		(Signature)	(Stamp)

ANNEX IV

For the purpose of swing, the following conversion factors shall apply:

<u>Group No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Pieces per kilogramme</u>
2	Shirts	4.5
8	Trousers, other than shorts	2.0
10	Blouses	6.0