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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Bilateral Agreement between Sweden and India

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification from Sweden of a new bilateral agreement with India, concluded under Article 4 of the MFA, valid for the period 1 January 1983 to 31 December 1986, subject to extension for the period 1 January-31 December 1987.

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.

The previous bilateral agreement and provisional extensions are contained in COM.TEX/SB/684, 837 and 874

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B

 $^{^3}$ For the TSB's observations on this notification, see COM.TEX/SB/1087

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIA AND SWEDEN REGARDING EXPORTS OF CERTAIN TEXTILE PRODUCTS FROM INDIA TO SWEDEN

Article 1

The following Agreement has been reached on the basis of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, particularly Article 4 thereof and the provisions of GATT document L/5276.

Article 2

This Agreement shall apply for the period 1 January 1983—31 December 1986. For the period 1 August-31 December 1986, this Agreement is subject to both parties being free to request, at any time, consultations with a view to proposing revisions in the light of any successor agreement to the Arrangement as extended by the Protocol of 22 December 1981. This Agreement may be extended by mutual consent to apply for a fifth year, namely 1 January-31 December 1987 subject to any modification which either side may propose in the light of any successor agreement to the Arrangement as extended by the Protocol of 22 December 1981.

Article 3

The Government of India will limit exports from India to Sweden of the textile products listed in Annex I to the levels set out in that Annex. However, with reference to paragraph 5 of Annex V, the levels set out in Annex II shall apply for the duration of the current Agreement. The date of issue of shipping documents is considered to be the date of exportation.

Article 4

- (a) This Agreement shall apply to exports from India 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). The description and identification of the groups of products covered by this Agreement are based on Customs Co-operation Council Nomenclature as prevailing on 1 January 1982.
- (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 III of this Agreement.

Article 5

With reference to Article 12:3 of the Arrangement, the limitations set out in this Agreement will not apply to the hand-made textile products made of handloom fabrics of the cottage industry and traditional folklore handicraft textile products known as "India items" as listed in Annex IV provided that such products conform to the descriptions as given in Annex V and are accompanied on importation by a certificate validated by the competent Indian authorities. A sample certificate is contained in Annex VI.

Article 6

The Government of Sweden will admit imports of the textile products of Indian origin, listed in Annex I, provided that such imports are covered by Export Certificates, as per specimen in Annex VII. Such a document shall be issued by the competent authorities designated by the Government of India, whose names will be communicated to the Government of Sweden. The certificates shall be consecutively numbered, state the group number, and bear an endorsement that the consignments concerned have been approved and debited to the agreed group levels for exports to Sweden for the relevant period.

Article 7

- (a) If in the period 1 January to 31 December 1982 the group levels specified in column (f) of Annex I to the Agreement of 16 March 1981 are not fully utilized, the Government of India may, after prior notification to the Government of Sweden, during the period 1 January to 31 December 1983 approve the export of additional amounts (carryover) equivalent to such shortfalls provided that such exports:
 - (i) are in the same groups where the shortfalls occurred;
 - (ii) do not exceed 3 per cent of the levels of these groups specified in column (e) of Annex II to this Agreement.
- (b) If in any twelve month period of this Agreement, the group levels specified in Annex II to this Agreement are not fully utilized, the Government of India may, after prior notification to the Government of Sweden, during the subsequent twelve month period approve the export of additional amounts (carryover) equivalent to such shortfalls provided that such exports:
 - (i) are in the same groups where the shortfalls occurred;
 - (ii) do not exceed 3 per cent of the levels of these groups for the relevant current period.

- (c) During each twelve month period of this Agreement, the Government of India may, after prior notification to the Government of Sweden, approve the export of amounts in excess of the group levels specified in Annex II to this Agreement up to 3 per cent of these levels (carry forward) for the relevant current period. Where specific group levels have been increased by carry forward the Government of India shall inform the Government of Sweden of the carry forward quantities and debit these to the corresponding group levels which are agreed or may be agreed upon for the subsequent period.
- (d) During each twelve month period of this Agreement the Government of India may, after prior notification to the Government of Sweden, approve the export of amounts in excess of the group levels specified in Annex II to this Agreement up to 3 per cent (swing) of these levels. Where specific group levels have been increased by swing a corresponding reduction shall be made in one or more of other group levels. For the purpose of calculating swing, the conversion factors in Annex VIII shall apply.
- (e) During each twelve month period of this Agreement, the additional export quantities resulting from carryover, carry forward and swing taken together shall, for each specific group level, not exceed 3 per cent of the respective agreed level in Annex II.

Article 8

If the information available to the Swedish authorities shows that the quantitative limit for the category of products specified in an 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 India as soon as possible. Both sides shall exchange relevant information in order to resolve data discrepancies, if any.

Should any excess quantity be permitted to enter Sweden, the overshipped quantity shall, after consultations with the Government of India, be deducted from the relevant level which is agreed or may be agreed upon for the following restraint period.

Article 9

Both parties regard it as essential that exports from India to Sweden of the textile products listed in Annex I are evenly spaced throughout the period of agreement taking into account normal seasonal factors and that due consideration is given to traditional patterns of trade. Accordingly, the Government of India will endeavour to do so.

Article 10

The Government of India will forward to the Government of Sweden, via the Embassy of India in Stockholm, monthly statistics on a cumulative basis of the quantities of the groups listed in Annex II, in the units specified against the relevant groups, for which duly endorsed export certificates for exports to Sweden have been issued for the relevant period of the 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 India, via the Embassy of Sweden in New Delhi, monthly statistics on a cumulative basis of licences issued for imports from India. The statistics shall reach the Government of India within a period of two months from the month under reference.

Article 11

The Government of Sweden and the Government of India 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 India agree furthermore to enter into consultations on the conditions of a new Agreement before the end of the period of agreement.

Article 12

The Government of Sweden will inform the Government of India, as far as possible, when textile products which have been debited to the restraint levels in Annex II of this Agreement and imported into Sweden have subsequently been re-exported therefrom. The Government of India may then credit the quantities involved to the appropriate restraint levels.

Article 13

The Government of India and the Government of Sweden agree to collaborate with a view to taking appropriate action to avoid circumvention of limitations set out in this Agreement.

Article 14

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 15

The Annexes to this Agreement and the Agreed Minute shall be considered as an integral part of it.

Article 16

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

Done in New Delhi on 13 February 1984

For the Government of India

For the Government of Sweden

ANNEX I

EXPORTS OF CERTAIN TEXTILES FROM INDIA TO SWEDEN

60.04.10- 60.04.70- 60.05.30- 60.05.80- 61.003.		**************************************	(a)	(0)	(1)	(R)	1817
		Shifree	Pcs.	758,258	760,124	768,919	112,164
60.05.30- 60.05.80- 61.01.003. 61.02.003.	-06 •-08	Inderwear (Including underveer T-alifice), knicked or erocheled, other than ehirte, night-vert	F0.	Aggregata level: 1,331,330 Sub-level	Aggregate lovel: 148,653 sub-level	Aggregate laval: 1,350,050 sub-lavel	Aggrugata Levali 1,356,800 sub-level
60.05.001. 61.01.003. 61.02.003		Susters, pullovers, allp-overs, juspers and cardigans, atc fincluding outserver T-shirts), balited or erocheted	Pcs.		8 roup 4: 188,508 sub-level group 5:	8 roup 41 188,703 aub-lavel group 51	group 4 189,647 sub-leval group 5;
	83-, 84- 005, 50- 60-, 99-	Trousers, other than shorts, (including work trousers, e.g. crousers with bib and braces and trousers made of "ippregnated (abrice")		1,278,377	1,295,009	1,296,134 138,050	0,7,851
-07'50'07' 6'-07	20-, 30-, 93-	Costunes, drasses and skifts	Pcs.	560, 160	159°195	568,239	571,080
10 60.05.80-, 83-, 84-	13-, 64-	Mouses	Pcu.	711,216	987,457	988,480	993,423
13 62.02.11-, 19-,	19-, 792,	Bed-1 inen	Kga.	*t09,t03	411,457*	612,090 ⁴	615,151 [#]
18 62.02.210, 299, 793 393	199, 192	Table-Ilnen	K8 ₩.	72,072	74,095	74,182	14,923
19 b,c,d \$1.02.51-, 59-, 71-, 79-	1188	Curtains, bedspreads and other furnishing articles, not justiced of crucheted	K6a.	0110,310	113,407	113,519	114,675

*In addition and on an ad hoc basis another 103,000 kgs. of bed linen may be exported by India during each year.

En Suedish Tariff Classification Ka (b)	Bescription (c)	Zale.	(28)	Level	Level for year 1965 (8)	1986 (h)
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	sable sacks, sockettes and the like, other than lades' stock- ings of continuous synthetic (ibres, baitted or crocheted					
60.04.21-, 25-, 60-	Hightwest, panty hose and cights, baited or crocheted	. •				
60.05.10-, 20-, 80-, 81-, 64-, 85-, 81-, 69-	Outer garments, other than aveaters, pullovers, elipovers, etc. (group V), trousare, (group VIII), costumes, drasses and shirts (group IX) and blouses (group X), buitted or crocheted					
61.01.003, 004, 006, 10-, 30-, 41-, 45-, 10-, \$0-, 95-	Outer garments, other than trousers (group VIII), woven,	K8 3.	112.412	115.568	115.703	. 116.860
61.02.004, 006, 11-, 15-, 80-, 90-, 95-, 99-	Outer garments, other than trousers (group VIII), costuses, dresses and skirts (group IX) and blouses (group X), woven, wants' and infants' west	·		·		
61.03.20- 61.04.10-	Mightwear, waven					
62.01.411	Travelling ruge and blankers					
61.02.31-, 399, 792, 793	Towels and cinilar prefetos					

ANNEX II

EXPORTS OF CERTAIN TEXTILES FROM INDIA TO SWEDEN

Graup Ko	En Swedish Tariff Classification No. (L)	Dascription (c)	Unite (4)	1983	Level for year	or year 1965 181	. K. S.
~	60.04.10- 61.01.10-	Shires	Fcs.	150,818	828,695	829,553	831,701
J	.00.04.70-, 80-, pa-	Underwar (including undervear T-shires), infired or crocheted, other than shires, alght-was	Pca.	Aggregate level; l, 111, 110 Sub-level group 4:		1,350,050 sub-level group 4;	1,356,800 sub-laval group 4:
~	-00.05.30-	Suesters, pullovurs, allp-ovurs, jumpers and cerdigens, etc. (including outstweer T-shirts), buitted or crocheted	Pce.	-	186,508 aub-level group 5: 1,295,009	188,703 sub-level group 3: 1,296,354	189,647 sub-lavel group 5: 1,302,835
•	60.03.60-, 83-, 84- 61.01.003, 005, 50- 61.02.003, 60-, 99-	fronzers, other than shorts, (including work trousers, s.g., frousers with bib and braces and trousers made of "impregnated fabrice")	. Bc .	147,793	116,217	028'671	150,620
	40.05.40- 41.02.006, 20-, 30-, 40-, 99-	Costumes, drasses and akirts	₽ C ₩ •	675'019	618,192	619,032	622,127
2	60.05.80-, 81-, 81- 61.02.006, 50-, 99-	Plones	Pcs.	1,060,253	1,060,253 1,074,049	1,075,161	1,080,537
2	67.02.11-, 19-, 792, 793	Bed-I inen	Kgs.	654,935 [*]	663,457*	664,144	
	61.02.210, 299, 792 793	Table-Unen	Kga.	80,305	82,559	82,655	83,481
19 b.c.d	62.02.51-, 59-, 71-, 79-	Curtains, bedspreads and other furnishing sericies, not bolycad or exochated	Kgu.	122,531	125,971	126,118	127, 380

*In addition and on an ad hoc basis another 103,000 kgs. of bed linen may be exported by India during each year.

1384 1384			127,506					
Level for year 1985 (f)			126,244					
Level 1984 (f)			126,097					
1881			122,653					
Unit (4)			* .					_
Duscription (c)	Stockings, understuckings, socks, sakls sakls socks, sockettes and the like, other than ladies erock-ings of continuous synthetic fibras, buitted or erocheted	Nightvest, panty hose and tights, buitted of crocheted	Outer garments, other than susters, pullovers, etc (group V), grousers, group VIII), coatures, dresses and skirts (group IX) and blouses (group X), knitted or crocluses	Outer germents, other than trousers (group VIII), waven, men's and bays' vest	Outer genents, other than trousers (group VIII), costumes, dresses and skirts (group IX) and blouses (group X), woven, weren's, girls' and infants' vest	Bightuar, votes	Travelling ruge and blankets	Towels and aimilar articles
En Suedich Tariff Classification Nu (b)	60.01.00-, 10-, 90-	40.04.21-, 25-, 60-	60.05.10-, 20-, 80-, 61-, 84-, 65-, 87-, 89-	61.01.003, 004, 006, 10-, 30-, 41-, 43-, 70-, \$0-, 95-	61.02.004, 004, 11-, 15-, 80-, 90-, 95-, 99-	61.03.20-	62.01.411	42.02.31-, 359, 772, 753
roup Es	47 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20							

ANNEX III

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 fracturing, 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 IV

Agreed List of India Items i.e. Traditional Folklore Handicraft Textile Products of India

India items are traditional folklore handicraft textile products uniquely and historically Indian, made in cottage industry. They cover the products enumerated below (clothes and clothing accessories, decorative furnishing).

1. Clothes and clothing accessories

All the garments and accessories listed below are uniquely and historically Indian traditional folklore textile products on account of their similarity in shape and design with those of clothes and accessories traditionally worn in India.

The products listed below must have the following caracteristics:

- they are produced in cottage industry units
- they do not include zip fasteners
- they are ornamented in the characteristic

 Indian folk styles, using one of the following
 methods:

hand painting, hand printing, handicraft batik, handicraft tie and dye or kalamkari

embroidery or crocheted ornamentation

appliqué work of sequins, glass or wooden beads, shells, mirrors or ornamental motifs of textile or other materials by hand

extra-weft ornamentation of cotton, silk or art silk, metal thread (zari)

No.	Name	Description
1	Kurta	A loose, almost straight-cut shirt or tunic-like garment, reaching to the hips, mid-thighs, knees, or ankles with guarter, half or full-length narrow or loose sleeves, with or without buttons (not plain).
2	Pherron	A short or full-length, extremely loose-fitting dress with long, loose sleeves, without buttons, embroidered, ornamented or printed.
3	Chola	A full-length, loose-fitting dress- like garment, with sleeves, mainly for indoor wear.
4	Churidar Pyjama	Trouser, loose at waist (with draw- string or hooks) tapering to a narrow fit at the ankle.
5	Salwar	Loose-fitting trousers, legs either straight or baggy with extra fullness at the thighs.
6	Garara	Loose-fitting trousers with frills or flaring below the knee.
7	Tamba	Loose-fitting trousers with typical Indian hand-ornamentation.
8	Lungi	A long cylindrical garment worn as a wrap around the lower half of the body.
9	Angharka	A full-length, light-weight coat-like garment closing in front with a decorative cord or ribbon, with sleeves.
0	Bagal. Bandini	A knee-length or full-length jacket or coat-like garment closing at the side with strings, with half sleeves or without sleeves.
1	Aba	A full-length dress with close-fitting bodice, long, wide skirt, with sleeves.
2	Burka	A full-length cape-like garment, covering the wearer's head and body, with aperture for eyes covered with gauze or lace.
3	Jawahar jacket	A loose-fitting jacket or waistcoat worn over a kurta, with or without buttons.
4	Choli	A short bodice with or without sleeves crocheted or woven.

No	Name	Description
15	Ghagra/Lahnga	An ankle-length, very wide skirt with drawstring or hooks at waist.
16	Pavadai	A set made of a full or ankle-length skirt and a bodice.
17	Dupatta	A very light woven scarf about 120 cm. x 80 cm. worn with kurta and churidar.
18	Ohdani	A cloth about 2 m. x 1 m. with much ornamentation.
19	Patka	A long stole, non-printed, ornamented with art work.
20	Gulu band	Neckband with traditional art work.
21	Kamarband	Decorated waistband and textile belt.
22	Bazuband	Decorative arm-band.
23	Mathapati	Decorative forehead band.
24	Sa£a	Headwear made up of traditional embroidery work.
II. Dec	corative furnishings	
25	Toran	A textile article, traditionally used to decorate door posts, embroidered or with applique work in folk motifs.
26	Tombai	Cylindrical hanging with applique work of hand-printed, hand-painted or hand embroidered fabrics, traditionally hung from ceilings or in doorways.
27	Shamiana	Canopy or awning with applique work of squares or triangle in contrasting colours, used as ceiling decoration.
28	Kalamkari	Wall hangings with mythological scenes depicted by hand-painting or hand-printing using wax.
29	Temple hangings	Hand-painted or hand-printed hangings with traditional mythological or religious motifs.
30	Chakla	Embroidered wall-hangings, with or without mirror work, depicting folk motifs.

No.	Name	Description
31	Batik wall hangings	Wall hangings of cotton, with designs created by the traditional handicraft batik process (hand-waxing, dyeing and boiling being repeated for each colour).
32	Chahdani Posh	A decorative cover for a tea-pot or coffee-pot.
33	Takiagilaf	A cushion cover decorated with Indian motifs.
34	Phulkari	Decorative embroidered cloth with close darning stitch employed with strands of untwisted silk to make the flower-like embroideries.
35	Gaddiposh	Decorative version of the bedspread, sometimes quilted.
36	Hand-knotted carpets	Having woollen or cotton warp and weft and a woollen knotted pile, of which each knot or loop is made by hand and joins two warp threads. After each row of knots is completed, a weft thread is passed through the warp. The pile is subsequently shorn by hand to give the carpet the desired thickness. The traditional patterns used are common to India and neighbouring regions of south and central Asia, and usually consist of stylized floral, animal and geometrical motifs, in either a single design or repeated several times within a border. Carpets with traditional pictorial designs (e.g. court, hunting, pole, jungle scenes etc.), modern designs with Indian motifs from ancient monuments and murals, and carpets in a single coulour, without pattern, are also produced by hand in India.
37	Hand-woven carpets	Of the <u>Kelem</u> , <u>Schumak</u> and <u>Karamanie</u> types
38	Gabba	Floor-coverings produced by hand- embroidery or by applique work on a base consisting of woven wool, felt, or jute, with or without a cotton backing.
39	Namdas	A floor-covering with felted woollen surface with or without traditional embroideries in various shapes and sizes.

ANNEX V

The exemption provided in Article 5 of this Agreement shall apply to the following products:

- 1. (a) Hand-made textile products made in the cottage industry of India from handloom fabrics of the cottage industry, i.e. fabrics woven on hand or foot operated looms in that industry; and
- (b) Traditional folklore handicraft textile products made in the cottage industry of India as defined in the list of "India items" in Annex IV.
- 2. Exemption shall be granted only for products covered by an Exempt Certificate issued by the competent Indian authorities.
- 3. Should any difficulties arise in classifying certain "India items", both parties agree to consult, pending import clearance by the competent Swedish authorities, in cases where differences of opinion occur. Furthermore, the Indian and the Swedish side agree that, at the request of either side, consultations will take place within 30 days after the presentation of such a request, in order to seek solutions to any problem that may arise from the implementation of the exemption for "India items".
- 4. The Government of India will inform the Government of Sweden monthly of the numbers and dates of Exempt Certificates issued as well as of the quantities and products involved.
- 5. For the duration of the current Agreement export of products referred to in paragraph (a) above will be included in the quantitative limits set out in Annex II. This shall be without prejudice to either party's interpretation of Article 12:3 of the Arrangement.

ANNEX VI

EXEMPT CE	RTIFICATE 2 No
1 Exporter (name, full address, country)	CERTIFICATE in regard to TRADITIONAL FOLKLORE HANDICRAFT TEXTILE PRODUCTS. "INDIA ITEMS", issued in conformity with and under the conditions regulating trade in textile products with Sweden
3 Consignee (name, full address, country)	
4 Place and date of shipment - Means of transport	5 Country of origin 6 Country of desti- nation
	7 Supplementary details
8 Marks and numbers - Number and kind of packages - DESCRIPTION OF GOODS	9 Quantity or 10 FOB Value weight
In the undersigned, certify that the contraditional folklore handicraft textile potential Sweden and India.	signment described above includes only
12 Competent authority (name, full address, country)	Aton

ANNEX VII

ORIGINAL Impo	rter's copy
1 Exporter (name, full address, country)	
·	EXPORT CERTIFICATE
3 Consignee (name, full address, country)	(TEXTILE PRODUCTS)
	4 Quota period 5 Group number
	2 droup number
6 Diagonal data of chiange	
6 Place and date of shipment - Means of transport	7 Country of origin 8 Country of desti- nation
	9 Approved and debited quantity against
	restraint level
10 Marks and numbers - Number and kind of	11 Quantity or 12 FOB Value
packages - DESCRIPTION OF GOODS	weight
*	
13 CERTIFICATION BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY	1
I, the undersigned, certify that the goo	ds described above are originating in
	ons in force in Sweden and these goods
have been charged against the quantitati	
shown in box no 4 in respect of the group	
regulating trade in textile products with	n Sweden.
4 Competent authority (name, full address, country)	At on
	(Signature) (Stamp)

ANNEX VIII

Group No.	Description (b)	Conversion Factor per kg. (c)
2	Shirts	4.6
4 5	Knitted underwear) Sweaters, etc.)	6.0
8	Trousers	2.0
9	Costumes, dresses and skirts	3.0
10	Blouses	6.0
13	Bed linen	1.0
18	Table linen	1.0
19	Curtains, etc.	1.0
Rest Group	Other items	1.0

New Delhi, 16 February 1984

AGREED MINUTE

Either government reserves its rights under the Arrangement with respect to textile products not subject to this Agreement. For textile products covered by this Agreement, it is agreed that either of the governments may have recourse to any or all of the provisions of the Arrangement, save that the Government of Sweden waives its rights under Article 3 of the Arrangement with respect to products covered by this Agreement as long as this Agreement remains in force.

For the Government of India

For the Government of Sweden