

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

RESTRICTED

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

### ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

#### Notification under Article 11

#### Report on the Status of Restriction Measures as requested by the TSB in accordance with Article 11<sup>1</sup>

#### HONG KONG

Attached is a report received by the Textiles Surveillance Body from Hong Kong on the status of restrictions maintained by it on imports of textile products covered by the Arrangement as extended by the 1986 Protocol. This report has been submitted in accordance with Article 11, paragraphs 11, 12 and 2 of the MFA.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See COM.TEX/SB/1377

<sup>2</sup> The previous report is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1315/Add.6.

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Dear Ambassador Raffaelli,

In response to your letter of 5 April 1988 inviting the submission of information from participating countries on restrictions maintained by them on textile products covered by the Arrangement, I wish to inform you that Hong Kong maintains no restrictions except on exports covered by bilateral agreements entered into between Hong Kong and certain importing countries under the provisions of the MFA. A schedule of such bilateral agreements and relevant amendments is enclosed.

Please accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Deputy Permanent Representative

A. Agreements/amendments which have been notified to the TSB and circulated to the Textiles Committee

<u>Importing Country</u>	<u>Document</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
USA	COM.TEX/SB/1186	A modification and an extension of the HK/US Textiles Agreement (1982-86) notified under COM.TEX/SB/818 and amended by COM.TEX/SB/888, 910, 945, 946, 968, 1026, 1057, 1145 and 1168 to cover the period 1 January 1986 to 31 December 1991
EEC	COM.TEX/SB/1372	An agreement covering the period 1 January 1987 to 31 December 1991 and its subsequent amendments
Finland	(a) COM.TEX/SB/1246	An agreement covering the period 1 January 1987 to 31 December 1991 together with subsequent amendments, which was notified to the TSB under TEX.SB/1302
	(b) COM.TEX/SB/1379	Amendments to the agreement arising from the adoption of the Harmonised System by Finland notified to the TSB under TEX.SB/1440.
Norway	COM.TEX/SB/1346	An agreement covering the period 1 July 1987 to 30 June 1990, which was notified to the TSB under TEX.SB/1409
Austria	COM.TEX/SB/1274	An agreement covering the period 1 February 1987 to 31 January 1990 which was notified to the TSB under TEX.SB/1329

B. Agreements/amendments which have been notified to the TSB but not yet circulated to the Textiles Committee

<u>Importing Country</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Canada	An agreement covering the period 1 January 1987 to 31 December 1991

C. Agreements/amendments which have been ratified/initialled but not yet notified to the TSB

<u>Importing Country</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
USA	(a) Amendment to the HK/US Textiles agreement (1986-1991) in respect of the establishment of limits on three categories (Categories 650, 651, and 314/320 pt) for the 1986 agreement year and the conversion of the categories to specific limit categories commencing 1 January 1987.

<u>Importing Country</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
USA (Cont'd)	<p>(b) Amendments to the Group Limits set out in Annex A of the HK/US Textiles Agreement (1986-1991) due to the revision of US classification arrangements for detachable garment accessories.</p> <p>(c) Amendments to the HK/US Textiles Agreement (1986-1991) due to the new arrangements for exports of personal shipments and marked commercial samples and the creation of a new specific limit category to cover unaccompanied made - to - measure suits commencing 1 January 1988.</p> <p>(d) Amendments to the HK/US Textiles Agreement (1986-1991) in respect of the establishment of cotton poplin and broadcloth in Cat. 314/320 pt as a specific limit category in 1986 with a new 1986 specific limit.</p> <p>(e) Amendments to the HK/US Textiles Agreement (1986-1991) due to the changes in the US category system for textiles and apparel products related to the adoption of the Harmonised Commodity Code by the US.</p>
EEC	<p>(a) Amendments to Annex II of the HK/EEC Textiles Agreement (1987-1991) in respect of the merge of Category 4(S) into category 4 with effect from 1 January 1988 due to problems arising from the implementation of the said agreement concerning category 4(S).</p> <p>(b) Amendments to the restraint limits of Category 10 set out in Annex II of the HK/EEC Textiles Agreement (1987-1991) with effect from 1 January 1988 due to the transfer of rubberised knitted gloves from Category 67 to Category 10 on the implementation of the Harmonised System.</p>
Sweden	An agreement covering the period 1 September 1987 to 31 August 1992.
Austria	Amendments to the HK/Austria Textiles Agreement (1987-1990) arising from the adoption of the Harmonised System by Austria.
Finland	Amendments to the HK/Finland Textiles Agreement (1987-1991) to add one category under the restraint arrangements and one category under the export authorization arrangements.