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Notification under Article 11

Report on the Status of Restrictive Measures
as requested by the TSB in accordance with Article 11¹

HONG KONG

Revision

Attached is a report received 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.²

¹See COM.TEX/SB/1467

²The previous report is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1422/Add.5

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Letter from the Hong Kong
Economic Trade Office

Dear Ambassador Raffaelli,

In response to your letter of 28 February 1989 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.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

J.H. Lau Jr.
Deputy Permanent Representative

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

| Importing country | Documents | Remarks |
|-------------------|---------------------|--|
| Austria | (a) 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) COM.TEX/SB/1413 | Amendments to the agreement arising from the adoption of the Harmonized System by Austria notified to the TSB under TEX.SB/1477. |
| | (c) COM.TEX/SB/1461 | Amendments to the agreement to convert part of a restraint item into an export authorization item and part of two export authorization items into a restraint item. Notified to the TSB under TEX.SB/1536. |
| Canada | COM.TEX/SB/1409 | An agreement covering the period 1 January 1987 to 31 December 1991 which was notified to the TSB under TEX.SB/1466. |
| 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/1378 | Amendments to the agreement arising from the adoption of the Harmonized System by Finland notified to the TSB under TEX.SB/1440. |
| | (c) COM.TEX/SB/1432 | Amendments to the agreement to add one category under the restraint arrangement and one category under the export authorization arrangement notified to the TSB under TEX.SB/1496. |

| Importing country | Documents | Remarks |
|-------------------|---------------------|--|
| Norway | (a) 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. |
| | (b) COM.TEX/SB/1465 | Amendments to the agreement (1987-1990) in respect of the de-restraint of three restraint items and the abolition of the export authorization arrangement notified to the TSB under TEX.SB/1540. |
| United States | (a) COM.TEX/SB/1186 | A modification and an extension of the HK/US Textiles Agreement (1982-1986) 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. |
| | (b) COM.TEX/SB/1454 | Amendment to the HK/US Textiles Agreement (1986-1991) due to the changes in the United States category system for textiles and apparel products related to the adoption of the Harmonized Commodity Code by the United States, which were notified to the TSB under TEX.SB/1511. |

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

Nil

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

| Importing country | Remarks |
|-------------------|--|
| 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 rubberized knitted gloves from Category 67 to Category 10 on the implementation of the Harmonized System.</p> <p>(c) Amendments to Annex II of the HK/EEC Textiles Agreement (1987-1991) in respect of the restraint limits of Category 7 and Category 78 with effect from 1 January 1988 due to the migration of woven tops with shoulder straps and woven tops without opening from Category 78 to Category 7 on the implementation of the Harmonized System.</p> |
| Sweden | An agreement covering the period 1 September 1987 to 31 August 1992. |
| United States | <p>(a) Amendments to the HK/US Textiles Agreement (1986-1991) in respect of the establishment of limits on three categories (Categories 650, 651 and 314/320pt) for the 1986 agreement year and the conversion of the categories to specific limit categories commencing 1 January 1987.</p> <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 United States classification arrangements for detachable garment accessories.</p> |

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|------------------------|--|
| United States (cont'd) | <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 Category 314/320pt 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 United States category system for textiles and textile products related to the adoption of the Harmonized Commodity Code by the United States, involving adjustments to the Group I limit and establishment of Category 611 as a specific limit category as from 1 January 1988 and the merging and redesignation of Category 337 and Category 637 as from 1 January 1989.</p> <p>(f) Extension of special flexibility provision to 1989 for certain categories to take account of the changes to the United States category system of textiles and textile products related to the adoption of the Harmonized Commodity Code by the United States.</p> <p>(g) Amendments to the HK/US Textiles Agreement (1986-1991) due to the revised categorization arrangements for cotton knit tops, cotton culottes and cardigan-like garments with slanted pockets.</p> |
