

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

RESTRICTED

COM.TEX/SB/1491*

4 October 1989

Special Distribution

TARIFFS AND TRADE

Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Amendment of the Agreement between Finland and China

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from Finland of a further amendment of its agreement with China. Categories 8 and 9 previously restrained for the 1988 agreement year, have been merged and the restraint extended for the period 1 January 1989 to 31 December 1990.¹

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures regarding notifications made under Article 4,² has examined the relevant documentation, and is forwarding the³ text of the notification to participating countries for their information.

¹The bilateral agreement (transmitted under Articles 7 and 8) and a previous amendment are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1251 and 1433.

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B

³For the TSB's observation on this notification, see COM.TEX/SB/1492

* English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente

Agreed Minutes

Consultations were held between delegations of the Government of Finland and the Government of the People's Republic of China on 18-20 April 1989 in Beijing concerning imports of textiles from China to Finland. These consultations were held upon the request of the Finnish Government and based on Article 10 of the Agreement relating to trade in textile products between the Republic of Finland and the People's Republic of China (hereafter referred to as "the Agreement") and the relevant provisions of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles as extended by the Protocol of 31 July 1986.

The following amendments to the Agreement shall enter into force on 1 May 1989. The provisions in paragraph 3 will, however, be applied as appropriate from the day of signature of these Agreed Minutes.

1. China agrees that exports to Finland of the textile products specified in the Annex to these Agreed Minutes will be kept within the quantities set out in the above-mentioned Annex for the period of 1 January 1989-31 December 1990.

2. As of 1 May 1989 China shall issue export licences according to the procedure set out in Article 5 of the Agreement for the products specified in the Annex to these Agreed Minutes.

3. Finland shall admit imports of the textile products of Chinese origin specified in the Annex to these Agreed Minutes to the quantities set out therein provided that such imports into Finland are covered by an export licence referred to in paragraph 2 above. The Finnish Board of Customs will provide China with monthly statistics of imports of the products concerned, in order to form a statistical basis which is necessary for keeping within the quantities set out in the Annex to these Agreed Minutes for the product category.

4. Notwithstanding the quantities set out in the Annex to these Agreed Minutes, Finland will admit, as an element of flexibility, imports of the category of products set out in the Annex to these Agreed Minutes in accordance with the flexibility provisions contained in paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Agreement.

5. The description and identification of the products specified in the Annex to these Agreed Minutes are based on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System.

6. The Annex to these Agreed Minutes shall be included in the Agreement as Annex IV.

Done in Beijing on 20 April 1989 in two English originals.

For the Delegation of
the Republic of Finland

Erik Hagfors

For the Delegation of
the Peoples Republic of
China

Li Guodong

ANNEX

| Category | Tariff classification: the subheadings serve for indicative purposes only | Description | Unit | Quantity 1.1.89-31.12.89 1.1.90-31.12.90 | Conversion factor pcs/kg. |
|----------|--|---|--------|---|---------------------------------|
| VIII | 62.01.92.00 62.01.93.00 62.02.12.00 62.02.13.00 62.02.92.00 62.02.93.00 62.03.32.00 62.03.33.00 ex 62.03.39.00 62.04.32.00 62.04.33.00 ex 62.04.39.00 | Men's and boys' anoraks (incl. ski-jackets), wind-cheaters, windjackets and similar articles, jackets and blazers and women's and girls' overcoats, car coats, capes, cloaks, anoraks (incl. ski-jackets), wind-cheaters, windjackets and similar articles and jackets of cotton and man-made fibres. | pieces | 999.999 1,039,999 | 1.21 |