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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Article 3 Notification

Agreement between Sweden and Macao

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from Sweden a notification of an agreement concluded with Macao under Article 3 of the Arrangement. The TSB is circulating this notification to participating countries for their information.

For observations by the TSB on the review of this agreement, see the report of its second and third meetings (COM.TEX/SB/214).

Letter No. 1

Lisbón, 7 January 1977

Your Excellency,

With reference to the consultations held in Stockholm during the period 9-10 November 1976, regarding a limitation of the export of certain textile products from the Territory of Macao to Sweden, I have the honour to inform you that the following is the understanding of the Portuguese Government:

1. This agreement has been reached under Article 3 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, bearing in mind particularly the provisions of Article 1 of the said Arrangement.

2. The Portuguese Government has agreed to limit voluntarily exports from Macao to Sweden of the textile products listed in Annex I to this letter to the levels set out columns (c) and (d) of that Annex.

3. These arrangements will apply during the period 15 July 1976-14 July 1978 and replace the arrangements agreed upon in the exchange of letters of 2 July 1975.

4. The Swedish Government will allow imports of the textile goods of Macao origin listed in Annex I only when such imports are covered by a Certificate of Origin, issued by the Repartição Provincial dos Serviços de Economia de Macau, with an endorsement that the consignments concerned have been debited to the agreed limit.

5. (i) If in the period covered by the agreement expiring on 14 July 1976, exports from Macao to Sweden are less than the limit specified in column (c) of Annex I to the letter of 2 July 1975, Macao may export amounts equivalent to such short-falls during the period 15 July 1976-14 July 1977 provided that such exports do not exceed 5 per cent of the limit specified in the agreement of 1975.

(ii) If in the period 15 July 1976-14 July 1977 exports from Macao to Sweden are less than the limit specified in column (c) of Annex I to this letter, Macao may export amounts equivalent to such short-falls during the period 15 July 1977 to 14 July 1978, provided that such exports do not exceed 5 per cent of the limit specified in column (c) of the said Annex.

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Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotenciary of Sweden
Lisbon

6. If during the period of validity of this agreement unforeseen problems should arise in the textile sector, consultations may be requested by either side with a view to finding mutually satisfactory solutions.

7. It is understood by the Portuguese side that conditions prevailing on the Swedish market with respect to the goods concerned or directly competitive products may necessitate a prolongation of this agreement, which, however, will be made the object of previous consultations.

8. The Portuguese Government will provide the Swedish Government with information on a monthly and cumulative basis of the quantities of the textile products listed in Annex I for which Certificates of Origin have been issued for exports to Sweden.

9. The Swedish Government will provide the Portuguese Government with statistics of imports from Macao for the textile products listed in Annex I on a monthly and cumulative basis.

I would appreciate your confirmation that the above is also the understanding of the Swedish Government.

I avail myself of this opportunity, Sir, to renew the assurances of my highest consideration.

The Director General of
Economic Affairs

ANNEX I

(Unit of quantity: pieces)

Swedish Tariff Classification No. (a)	Description (b)	Limits for period 15.7.76-14.7.77 (c)	Limits for period 15.7.77-14.7.78 (d)
I 60.04.702-909	Undergarments, knitted or crocheted, other than shirts, night garments, tights and panty hose, men's and boys', women's, girls' and infants' wear	865,500	866,000
II 60.05.302-309	Sweaters, pullovers, slipovers, cardigans etc., knitted or crocheted, men's and boys', women's, girls' and infants' wear	797,000	808,000
III 61.01. ex 008, 505 ex 506 61.02. ex 008, 605, ex 606	Trousers, not knitted or crocheted, of cotton or discontinuous synthetic fibres, men's and boys', women's and girls' wear	396,000	401,000
IV 60.04.102-109 61.03.102-109	Shirts, men's and boys' wear	283,000	286,000

Letter No. 2

Lisbon, 7 January 1977

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date reading as follows:

See letter No. 1

I have the honour to confirm that the above is also the understanding of the Swedish Government.

I avail myself of this opportunity, Sir, to renew the assurances of my highest consideration.

Herman Kling
Ambassador of Sweden

Dr. João Eduardo Nunes de Oliveira Pequito
Director-General for Economic Affairs
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Letter No. 3

Lisbon, 7 January 1977

Your Excellency,

1. I have the honour to refer to the discussions leading to the signature earlier today of an agreement in respect of exports of certain textile products from Macao to Sweden during the period 15 July 1976-14 July 1978.
2. In the course of these discussions it was understood that during the period covered by the above-mentioned agreement the Portuguese Government should apply a special system of reporting as described below for the following groups of products:

	Swedish Statistical Classification No.	Description
I	61.01 ex 003, ex 008, 454-459 ex 904-909 61.02. ex 008, 152-159, ex 902-909	Jackets and anoraks, not knitted or crocheted, men's and boys', women's and girls' wear
II	60.04.212-259	Night garments, knitted or crocheted, men's and boys', women's, girls' and infants' wear
III	60.05.822, 825, 826 ex 803, ex 804, ex 809 61.02. 502-509 ex 008	Blouses, women's and girls' wear

3. The principal purpose of this system would be to provide for advance information on the development of exports of these products from Macao to Sweden.
4. Under this system a Certificate of Origin will be issued for each shipment to Sweden of the above-mentioned products of Macao origin.

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5. The Portuguese Government will forward via the Embassy of Portugal in Stockholm fortnightly cumulative returns to the Swedish Government, showing by group the quantities covered by Certificates of Origin issued for exports to Sweden. A copy of these statistics will be sent directly from Macao to the Swedish Board of Commerce.
6. The Portuguese Government will on request by the Swedish Government at any time discontinue the issue of Certificates of Origin for any of the items concerned. Such a request will be accompanied by a request for consultations.
7. If during the period of validity of this Agreement unforeseen problems should arise, consultations may be requested by either side with a view to finding mutually satisfactory solutions.
8. The Swedish Government undertakes to admit imports of all goods covered by Certificates of Origin issued before the time it requested that such issue should be discontinued.

I would appreciate your confirmation that the above is also the understanding of the Swedish Government.

I avail myself of this opportunity, Sir, to renew the assurances of my highest consideration.

The Director General of
Economic Affairs

Letter No. 4

Lisbon, 7 January 1977

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date reading as follows:

See letter No. 3

I have the honour to confirm that the above is also the understanding of the Swedish Government.

I avail myself of this opportunity, Sir, to renew the assurances of my highest consideration.

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