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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Article 4 Notification

Agreement between Norway and India

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification of a bilateral agreement under Article 4 of the Arrangement between Norway and India, concerning trade in textiles.

The TSB, pursuant to its procedure regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article 4<sup>1</sup>, has examined the relevant documentation and is circulating the text of this agreement to participating countries for their information.

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<sup>1</sup>See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

Leader of the Norwegian delegation

9 February 1977

Sir,

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of today reading as follows:

"With reference to the consultations held in Oslo on 24 and 25 May 1976 and further consultations held in New Delhi on 8 and 9 February 1977, regarding the exports of bedlinen of cotton (BTN ex 62.02) from India to Norway, the Government of India and Norway, having regard to the provisions of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, particularly Article 4, have agreed that the following arrangements will apply from 1 January 1976 to 31 December 1977.

1. The Government of India has agreed to limit voluntarily exports to Norway of cotton bedlinen covered by BTN ex 62.02 - 152, 153, 155 and 156 during the period 1 January 1976 to 31 December 1977 to 620 metric tons. The Government of India will limit the exports during the first year of the Arrangement viz. January 1976 to 31 December 1976, to a quantity not exceeding 50 per cent of the two years quota level.
2. Should the market situation in Norway change substantially (imports from all countries being taken into account in order to ensure a measure of equity), or if there is a marked increase in the import share of any of the other similarly placed countries supplying bedlinen to Norway, consequently placing India in an inequitable position vis-a-vis a third country or if any unforeseen problem arises from the implementation of this arrangement, the parties to this Arrangement agree to consult each other upon the request of either of them.
3. The Government of Norway will issue automatically import licences for bedlinen of cotton of Indian origin up to the agreed level, provided that such imports into Norway are covered by Export Certificates, as per specimen in Annex I issued by the appropriate Indian organization viz.<sup>1</sup> the Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council. Such Export Certificates imply that the consignments concerned have been debited against the agreed level for exports to Norway.

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<sup>1</sup>Annexure I is not reproduced in this document.

Mr. R. Ramakrishna  
Leader of the Indian Delegation

4. The Government of India or its authorized organization viz. the Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council, Bombay, will forward to the Government of Norway monthly statistics on a cumulative basis of the quantities of cotton bedlinen for which certificates for export to Norway have been issued.

5. The Government of Norway will forward to the Government of India and the Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council, Bombay, monthly statistics on a cumulative basis of imports from India of bedlinen.

6. This letter together with your reply will constitute an Arrangement between the Government of Norway and the Government of India. I would appreciate your confirmation that the above is also the understanding of the Government of Norway.

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

I confirm, Sir, that the contents of your letter correctly set out the agreement reached between us.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) (PER VIGMOSTAD)