ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Bilateral agreement between Austria and Macau

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from Austria of a new bilateral agreement concluded with Macau, valid for the four-year period from 1 January 1991 to 31 December 1994.¹

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

¹The previous bilateral agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1260.
²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.
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Letter from the Republic of Austria  
Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs  

Vienna, 31 October 1990  

Excellency,  

1. I have the honour to refer to the ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES* (hereinafter referred to as the ARRANGEMENT), done at Geneva on 20 December 1973, in particular its paragraph 4 and the PROTOCOL EXTENDING THE ARRANGEMENT, done at Geneva on 31 July 1986.  

2. I further wish to refer to the consultations which took place between representatives of Austria and Macau on 17 and 18 October 1990 in Brussels. As a result of these consultations Austria and Macau have reached the following understanding.  

3. Macau shall restrict exports to Austria of the textile products listed in the Annex to the levels set out in that Annex.  

4. Upon presentation of certificates of origin (Certificados de Origem), issued by the Direccao dos Servicos de Economia de Macao, with an endorsement that the consignment has been debited to the respective export level, the competent Austrian authority will license the corresponding imports within and up to the agreed export levels.  

5. Certificates of origin mentioned in paragraph 4 above shall cease to be valid after the expiration of 6 months after the end of the restraint period.  

6. For the products mentioned in the Annex carryover and carry forward taken together shall not exceed 11 per cent of which carry forward shall not represent more than 6 per cent.  

7. Upon termination of the restraint period ending 31 December 1990, should portions of category 1 products remain unused, such unused portions up to 4 per cent may, after notification, be carried over and added to the restraint limit of 1991.  

8. If nothing is heard from Austria within 8 weeks from the date of such notification the proposed flexibility (carryover and carry forward) will apply automatically.  

9. Austria shall, as far as possible, inform Macau when imports into Austria of products that have been debited to the agreed export limits are subsequently re-exported from Austria. Macau may, then credit the quantities involved to the export limits set out in the Annex.  

10. Austria will provide Macau with statistics on a monthly and cumulative basis of import licenses and Macau will provide Austria with statistics on the same basis of certificates of origin issued in accordance with paragraph 4 above.  

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11. If necessary, at the request of Austria, Macau will provide more detailed information in respect of specific exports to Austria of the products listed in the Annex, showing the name of the exporters, the numbers and dates of certificates of origin issued, the dates of shipments as well as the quantities of the products covered by these certificates of origin.

12. In respect of woven shirts, wholly or mainly of discontinuous synthetic fibres or of cotton HS Nos. 62.05.20 and ex 62.05.30, the competent Austrian authority will upon presentation of certificates of origin (certificados de Origem) issued by the Direccao dos Servicos de Economia de Macao, automatically issue import licenses and will provide Macau with information concerning such import licenses on a monthly basis.

Should imports of the above mentioned products from Macau to Austria develop in such a manner which, in the view of Austria, causes real risks of market disruption, Austria may request consultations with a view to reaching a restraint agreement on mutually acceptable terms.

13. Consultations regarding the conduct of exports of the products listed in the Annex will be held if so desired by either party.

14. Should Macau consider that, as a result of the restraint imposed by this arrangement, Macau is being placed in an inequitable position vis-à-vis another supplier, Macau may request Austria to consult with a view to remedial action such as a reasonable modification of this arrangement. Macau may also request Austria to consult with a view to modifying this arrangement in respect of the period commencing 1 January 1992, to take into account the international arrangement for trade in textile products replacing the Arrangement referred to in paragraph 1 above.

15. This arrangement shall apply to a period of four years commencing on the 1 January 1991 and terminating on the 31 December 1994.

16. If this proposal is acceptable to Macau, this note and your note of confirmation of Macau shall constitute an agreement between Austria and Macau.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Enclosures: ANNEX AND ATTACHMENT

Director

His Excellency
Francisco Luis Murteira Nabo
Encarregado do Governo
Governo de Macau
Macau
Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note dated 14 November 1990 regarding the understanding reached following consultations held between Austria and Macau on 17 and 18 October 1990 in Brussels.

I have taken due notice of its contents and I wish to inform you that the Macau Authorities are able to accept the understanding expressed in your note and that with the present letter I subscribe and agree that these shall constitute an agreement between Austria and Macau.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Government of Macau,

Francisco Luis Murteira Nabo
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Acting Governor

Mr. Joseph Mayer
Director
Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs
Republic of Austria
ANNEX

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<td>(1) Slacks, shorts, jeans</td>
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*The restraint limit takes into account that woven bib and brace overalls being those garments illustrated in the Attachment, are covered by this restraint limit.