ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Article 3 Notification

Agreement between Austria and Hong Kong

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from AUSTRIA a notification of an agreement concluded with Hong Kong under Article 3 of the Arrangement.

The TSB has examined the relevant documentation and has found that this agreement is in conformity with the provisions of the Article under which it is notified, as well as with the other provisions of the Arrangement. The TSB is circulating this notification to participating countries for their information.
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Introduction

1. This Memorandum of Understanding sets out the arrangements that have been agreed between Austria and Hong Kong regarding the limit that Hong Kong shall apply to exports of certain textile products for importation into Austria.

2. In reaching agreement on these arrangements, Austria and Hong Kong have had regard to the provisions of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, in particular to Article 3 of that Arrangement.

Coverage

3. These arrangements shall apply to Hong Kong's exports to Austria of the textile products set out in the Annex to this Memorandum.

Restraint Period

4. These arrangements shall apply for the periods set out in column (e) of the Annex.

Restraint Limit

5. Hong Kong shall restrict exports of the products set out in the Annex to the limits set out in column (f) of the Annex, save as provided for in paragraphs 8, 9 and 10.

6. Austria will not admit imports of the textile products of Hong Kong origin set out in the Annex unless such imports are covered by a copy of a Hong Kong export licence issued by the Commerce and Industry Department, Hong Kong, and endorsed to the effect that the consignments concerned have been debited to the agreed limits.
7. Austria and Hong Kong recognise that there should be no undue prejudice to the interests of established suppliers or serious distortion in existing patterns of trade. In this regard Austria and Hong Kong will use their best efforts to preserve, as far as possible, the traditional channels of trade used by certain Hong Kong exporters and certain Austrian importers.

Transitional Arrangement

8. During the period 24th February to 31st March 1976, Hong Kong may license exports to Austria outside the limit for category (2) set out in column (f) of the Annex, provided that these exports are covered by confirmed contracts concluded between Austrian importers and Hong Kong exporters or manufacturers before 24th February 1976 and are shipped from Hong Kong on or before 31st March 1976.

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9. Exports may exceed either of the two limits in column (f) of the Annex by 7 per cent, provided that a corresponding reduction is applied in the other limit.

Carryover/CARRY FORWARD

10. Austria and Hong Kong shall have full regard to the provisions relating to carryover and carry forward as set down in paragraph 5 of Annex B of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles.

Re-exports

11. Austria will, so far as possible, inform Hong Kong when imports into Austria of the products that have been debited
to the agreed limits are subsequently re-exported from Austria. Hong Kong may then credit the quantities involved to the limits set out in column (f) of the Annex.

Exchange of Statistics

12. Hong Kong will provide Austria with half-monthly statistics of the textile products set out in the Annex licensed for export to Austria and debited to the limits set out in column (f) of the Annex.

13. Austria will, so far as possible, provide Hong Kong with quarterly statistics of total imports and of imports from other significant suppliers of the products set out in the Annex.

Equity

14. Austria and Hong Kong shall have full regard to the equity rights and obligations of each, arising from their participation in the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles.

Consultation

15. Austria and Hong Kong agree to consult together, at the request of either party, on any matter arising from the implementation of these arrangements.

General

16. The Annex to this Memorandum shall be an integral part of it.

For the Government of Austria
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Deputy Director
Vienna, 23 April 1976

For the Government of Hong Kong
D.H. Jordan m.p.
Director of Commerce and Industry
Hong Kong, 5 May 1976
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<th>(a) Category No.</th>
<th>(b) Austrian Statistical Classification No.</th>
<th>(c) Hong Kong Statistical Classification No.</th>
<th>(d) Description</th>
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