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 Textiles Surveillance Body 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.

1For previous agreement between the two parties see COM.TEX/SB/180.
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 during the period commencing 1 February 1977 and ending 31 December 1977.

Restraint limit

5. Hong Kong shall restrict exports of the products set out in the Annex to the limit set out in the Annex, save as provided for in paragraph 8.

6. Austria shall admit imports of textile products of Hong Kong origin set out in the Annex, where 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 limit.

7. Austria and Hong Kong recognize 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.
Carryover/carry forward

8. If, during the period referred to in column (e) of the Annex to the Memorandum of Understanding signed on 5 May 1976 between Austria and Hong Kong, exports from Hong Kong to Austria are less than the level specified in column (f) of the Annex to the above-mentioned Memorandum, Hong Kong may approve, during the period covered by this Memorandum, exports to the amount equivalent to such shortfalls, or by 10 per cent of the amounts set out in column (f) of the Memorandum referred to above, whichever is the less (carryover). Hong Kong may approve the export of amounts in excess of the agreed limit set out in the Annex to this Memorandum by carry forward up to 5 per cent of the limit. Where such carry forward is made, corresponding deductions shall be made from the appropriate limit which may be agreed in any future restraint period.

Re-exports

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

Exchange of statistics

10. 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 limit set out in the Annex.

11. 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

12. 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.

Consultations

13. 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

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

For Hong Kong:

(Signed) D.H. Jordan
Director of Commerce and Industry
Hong Kong, 4 February 1977

For Austria:

(Signed) Gerhard Waas
Director
Vienna, 26 January 1977
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