ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Agreement between Austria and Macao

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification from Austria of an agreement concluded under Article 4 of the Arrangement with Macao.\(^1\)

The TSB pursuant to its procedure regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article \(^2\), has examined the relevant documentation and is circulating the text of the agreement to participating countries for their information.

\(^{1/}\) For previous agreement between the two parties see document COM.TEX/SB/166.

\(^{2/}\) See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.
Vienna, 14 February 1977

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the agreement under Article 4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles between Austria and Portugal on behalf of Macao on trade in woven shirts, wholly or mainly of discontinuous synthetic fibres, and of woven shirts, wholly or mainly of cotton, BTN No. ex 61.03, effected by exchange of notes of 23 January 1976 and 31 March 1976, respectively.

As a result of negotiations which took place between representatives of Austria and Portugal on behalf of Macao on 3 and 4 February 1977 in Vienna the following understanding concerning the extension of the aforesaid agreement has been reached:

1. Direct and/or indirect exports of woven shirts, wholly or mainly of discontinuous synthetic fibres, and of woven shirts, wholly or mainly of cotton, BTN No. ex 61.03, from Macao to Austria during the eleven-month period ending 31 December 1977 will be limited to 195,250 pieces, the national annual limit amounting to 213,000 pieces.

2. Upon presentation of certificates of origin (Certificados de Origem), issued by the Repartição Provincial dos Serviços de Economia de Macau, with an endorsement that the consignment has been debited to the agreed eleven-month export limit, the competent Austrian authority will licence the corresponding imports.

3. If, during the period referred to in paragraph 1 of the agreement between Austria and Portugal on behalf of Macao effected by exchange of notes of 23 January 1976 and 31 March 1976, respectively, exports from Macao to Austria are less than the level specified in paragraph 2 of the aforesaid agreement, Macao may approve, during the period of this agreement, exports to the amount equivalent to such shortfalls, or by 5 per cent of the amount set out in paragraph 2 of the agreement referred to above, whichever is the less.

4. Macao will provide Austria with statistics on a monthly and cumulative basis of the shirts specified above for export from Macao to Austria and debited to the eleven-month export limit set down in paragraph 1 above.

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Ambassador,
Embassy of Portugal,
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1010 Wien.
5. Austria will provide Macao with statistics on a monthly and cumulative basis of import licences issued within the agreed export limit upon presentation of certificates of origin as indicated in paragraph 2 above.

6. Consultations regarding the conduct of exports of the shirts specified above from Macao to Austria will be held if so desired by either party.

If this proposal is acceptable to Portugal on behalf of Macao, this note and your note of confirmation on behalf of Macao shall constitute an agreement between Macao and Austria.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(signed) Gerhard Waas
Director
Sir,

1. I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter file 27.636/19-II/7/77 dated 14 February last, regarding the extension of the "Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles between Austria and Portugal on behalf of Macao on trade in woven shirts, wholly or mainly of discontinuous synthetic fibres and woven, wholly or mainly of cotton, BTN No. ex 61.03".

2. The text of the understanding which has been reached February last between our two delegations on the extension of the said agreement, the terms of which are included in your above-said letter, is acceptable to the Portuguese Government on behalf of Macao.

3. Therefore your letter dated 14 February and this letter will constitute an agreement on the matter between Austria and Macao.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(signed) Sacadura Cabral m.p.<br> Ambassador of Portugal

Dr. Gerhard Waas,<br> Director,<br> Federal Ministry for Commerce and Industry,<br> Vienna.