ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Agreement between Sweden and India

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from Sweden a notification of an agreement which has been concluded between Sweden and India concerning trade in textiles.

The TSB has examined the relevant documentation in accordance with the provisions of Article 4\(^{1/}\), pursuant to its procedure regarding bilateral agreements notified under that Article and is circulating the text of this agreement to participating countries for their information.

\(^{1/}\)See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.
New Delhi, 6 May 1977

Letter No. 1

Sir,

With reference to the consultations held in New Delhi and Geneva in January, March and April 1977 regarding exports of certain textile products from India to Sweden, I have the honour to inform you that the following is the understanding of the Government of Sweden:

1. The Governments of India and Sweden, having regard to the provisions of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, have agreed that the following arrangements will apply from 1 July 1976 to 30 June 1978.

2. During the period 1 July 1976 to 30 June 1977, imports to Sweden of bedlinen of cotton (Swedish CCC No. 62.02.110) of Indian origin are being limited, through a system of import licences, to the level set out in column (d) in Annex I to this letter.

3. During the period 1 July 1977 to 30 June 1978, the Government of India has agreed to limit exports, through a system of export certificates, from India to Sweden of bedlinen of cotton to the levels set out in columns (e) and (f) in Annex I. In addition, and on an ad hoc basis, another 100,203 kgs. (for the period 1 July 1976 to 30 June 1977) and 102,153 kgs. (for the period 1 July 1977 to 30 June 1978) of the afore-mentioned item may be exported to Sweden during the period 1 July 1977 to 30 June 1978. The date of issue of shipping documents is considered to be the date of exportation.

4. The provisions of paragraph 3 above may be applied from 23 May 1977 instead of 1 July 1977.

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Joint Secretary
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5(a) The Government of Sweden will provide the Government of India information as to the quantities for which import licences have been issued in accordance with paragraph 2 above but which have not been shipped from India before 23 May 1977.

(b) Such quantities may, in excess of the amounts referred to in paragraphs 3 above, be exported to Sweden during the period 23 May 1977 to 30 June 1978.

(c) In allocating the export quotas, the Government of India will, on the basis of information from the Government of Sweden, fully honour the consignments referred to in paragraph 5(a) up to 30 June 1977.

6. The Government of Sweden will admit imports, through a system of import licences, of bedlinen of cotton of Indian origin when the consignments in question are covered by export certificates, as per specimen in Annex II, issued by the appropriate organization, viz. the Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council. Such export certificates shall be consecutively numbered in a series "BLS" and bear an endorsement that the consignments in question have been approved and debited against the restraint level for exports to Sweden.

7. Both parties regard as essential that the exports to Sweden of the textile product under restraint are, as far as possible, evenly spaced throughout the period of agreement and that, in the allocation of quotas, due consideration be given to traditional patterns of trade. Accordingly, the Government of India undertakes to provide a procedure to achieve this.

8. The Government of India will forward to the Government of Sweden monthly statistics on a cumulative basis of the quantities of bedlinen of cotton, for which duly endorsed export certificates for export to Sweden have been issued. The statistics shall be forwarded to the Government of Sweden, via the Embassy of Sweden in New Delhi, within a period of one month from the month under reference.

9. The Governments of India and Sweden agree to consult each other, at the request of either, when any unforeseen problem arises from the implementation of this agreement. The Governments of India and Sweden agree furthermore to enter into consultations on the prolongation, modification or removal of the limitation before the end of the period of agreement.

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10. It is the intention of the Government of Sweden that India should not, as a result of this Agreement, be placed in an inequitable or disadvantageous position vis-à-vis any third country. If the Government of India consider that such a situation has arisen, it may request the Government of Sweden to consult with a view to appropriate action, such as a reasonable modification of these arrangements.

11. The validity of this Agreement for the period 1 January to 30 June 1978, is without prejudice to the continuation or otherwise of the arrangements regarding international trade in textiles beyond 31 December 1977.

12. This letter, together with your reply, will constitute an agreement between the Government of India and Sweden.

I would appreciate your confirmation that the above is also the understanding of the Government of India.

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

Lennart Finnmark
(signed) Ambassador of Sweden
### Annex I

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<th>(a) Swedish tariff classification No.</th>
<th>(b) Description</th>
<th>(c) Unit of quantity</th>
<th>(d) Level including growth for period 1.7.76-30.6.77</th>
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<td>62.02.110</td>
<td>Bedlinen (^1), of cotton (net weight)</td>
<td>kgs.</td>
<td>552,200</td>
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\(^1\)The denomination "bedlinen" refers to bedsheets, pillow cases, pillow slips, bolster or eiderdown cases, mattress covers, quilt or blanket covers.
Sir,

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 6 May 1977 reading as follows:

See Letter No. 1.

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

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours faithfully,

(R. Ramakrishna)
(signed)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India

Mr. Lennart Finnmark
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