ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Articles 7 and 8

Extension of the Bilateral Agreement between Austria and Macao

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from Austria a notification of an amendment to extend the agreement previously concluded between Austria and Macao. This notification has been made in accordance with the decision of the Textiles Committee that actions taken vis-à-vis non-participants in the Arrangement should be notified.

The TSB is circulating this notification to participating countries for their information.\(^1\)

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\(^1\)For original agreement see COM.TEX/SB/243

\(^2\)For observations of the TSB see COM.TEX/SB/364, paragraph 4
Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the agreement under Article 4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (hereinafter referred to as the Arrangement) 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 14 February 1977 and 3 March 1977, respectively.

I further wish to refer to the negotiations which took place between representatives of Austria and of Portugal on behalf of Macao on 4 and 5 April 1978 in Geneva. As a result of these negotiations the following understanding concerning the extension of the aforesaid agreement for a four-year term ending 31 December 1981 has been reached under Article 4 of the Arrangement as extended by the Protocol done at Geneva on 14 December 1977:

1. Export levels in pieces for twelve-month period beginning:

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<td>214,065</td>
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2. Upon presentation of certificates of origin (Certificados de Origem), issued by the Repartiçao Provincial dos Servicos de Economia de Macau, 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, having full regard to the provisions set down in the attached Record of Discussion.
3. The export levels set out in paragraph 1 above may, after consultation between Austria and Portugal on behalf of Macao, be exceeded by a carry-over of not more than 5 per cent in the case of shortfalls, and by a carry-forward of not more than 5 per cent. The carry-over shall not exceed the amount of shortfall. The carry-forward shall be deducted from the export level established in the following agreement year. Since, during the period 1 February 1977 to 31 December 1977, actual exports of woven shirts as specified in paragraph 1 above were less than 205,250 pieces (export limit for that period of 195,250 pieces plus carry-over of 10,000 pieces), Macao may approve, during the twelve-month period beginning 1 January 1978, exports to the amount of 5 per cent of 195,250 pieces.

4. Macao will provide Austria with information in respect of exports of the shirts specified above to Austria, showing the names of the exporters, the numbers and dates of certificates of origin issued, the dates of shipment as well as the quantities of the aforesaid shirts covered by these certificates of origin. This will be done by airmail on a monthly basis within the first fifteen days of the month following the issuance.

5. Austria will provide Macao with statistics on a monthly and cumulative basis of import licences issued within and up to the agreed export levels upon presentation of certificates of origin as indicated in paragraph 2 above.

6. Consultations regarding the conduct of exports of the shirts specified above 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, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(signed) Dr. Rudolf Willenpart
Director
RECORD OF DISCUSSION

1. Exports of woven shirts as specified in paragraph 1 of the understanding shall be debited against the export levels for the twelve-month period in which the shipment of the shirts has been effected. The relevant certificate of origin is issued after the date of such shipment and shall bear the endorsement that it has been issued retrospectively together with the indication of the date of the respective shipment.

2. From the export level of 214,065 pieces of woven shirts as specified in paragraph 1 of the understanding for the twelve-month period beginning 1 January 1978, the amount of actual exports during the period 1 January 1978 to 25 March 1978 (30,650 pieces) covered by certificates of origin Nos. 1 to 10 issued from 19 January 1978 to 29 March 1978 shall be deducted.

For Portugal on behalf of Macao: For Austria:

(signed) Sérgio de Sacadura Cabral m.p. (signed) Dr. Rudolf Willenpart
Ambassador Director
1 June 1978

Sir,

1. I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter, File No. 27.637/7-II/7/78 dated 20 April 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 of woven shirts, wholly or mainly of cotton, BTN No. ex 61.03."

2. The text of the understanding which has been reached in Geneva, April last, between the delegations of our two countries 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 20 April 1978, and this letter will constitute an agreement on the matter between Austria and Macao.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(signed) Sérgio de Sacadura Cabral
Ambassador of Portugal

Dr. Rudolf Willenpart,
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Federal Ministry for Trade, Commerce and Industry,
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