ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment of the Bilateral Agreement between Sweden and Hong Kong

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from Sweden of an amendment of its bilateral agreement with Hong Kong. A specific restraint was agreed on bed linen for the period 1 September 1984-31 August 1987. The aggregate limit was raised to take account of the new restraint.

1 The bilateral agreement between the parties is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1090.

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Dear Mr. Raffaelli,

Pursuant to Article 4:4 of the Arrangement as extended through the 1981 Protocol, I am notifying the Textiles Surveillance Body of an amendment to the agreement of June 20, 1983, between the Government of Sweden and the Government of Hong Kong regarding exports of certain textile products from Hong Kong to Sweden (cf COM.TEX/SB/1090).

This amendment covers one additional specific restraint - bed linen. This item has previously been under restraint up to the period April 1, 1980 – March 31, 1981. The level was then 218 tons. However, in 1981 bed linen was transferred from the restraints to a special surveillance arrangement through an export authorization system operated by Hong Kong authorities. During 1984 imports of bed linen into Sweden from Hong Kong increased rapidly up to 315 tons for the period January – December 1984, to be compared with 116 tons during the previous year. Reference period in accordance with annex B of the Arrangement was February 84 – January 85 with the corresponding Swedish import figure of 330 tons. As a consequence of the additional restraint, the aggregate level was also raised.

The exchange of notes is attached for your information.

Yours sincerely,

Nils-Erik Schyberg
Counsellor

cc: Mr. M. Cartland, Hong Kong Affaires
    Mr. A. Satuli, Permanent Mission of Finland
Courtoisie.... and with reference to the Memorandum of Understanding signed on 20 June 1983 between the Government of Sweden and the Government of Hong Kong regarding exports of certain textile products from Hong Kong to Sweden. Reference is also made to the consultations between the two Governments which have taken place in Stockholm on 18-19 April 1985.

As a result of the above-mentioned consultations, the Government of Sweden propose that the Memorandum of Understanding be amended as follows:

(i) As of 1 April, 1985, Group 13 (bed linen) shall be removed from the list of products in Annex III to the Memorandum of Understanding. The Government of Hong Kong may continue to issue export licences against export authorizations issued prior to 21 March 1985.

(ii) As of 1 April, 1985, the following Group shall be added to Annex II to the Memorandum of Understanding:

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(e) (f) (g)

Limit for period Limit for period  Limit for period
1.9.84 - 31.8.85 1.9.85 - 31-8.86 1.9.86 - 31.8.87

381 237 381 999 382 763

(iii) As of 1 April, 1985, columns (e) to (g) of the aggregate limit for all Groups listed in Annex II to the Memorandum of Understanding shall be amended as follows:

(e) (f) (g)

Limit of period Limit of period  Limit of period
1.9.84 - 31.8.85 1.9.85 - 31.8.86 1.9.86 - 31.8.87

52 451 060 52 555 962 52 661 074
(iv) As of 1 April, 1985, the following shall be added to
the entry for Group 13 (bed linen) under the column of
"Conversion Factor equivalent square yard per dozen
unless otherwise stated" in Annex 1 to the Memorandum
of Understanding:

12 eq. sq. yd. per kg

For the purpose of applying Article 3 of the Memorandum of
Understanding, Hong Kong shall debit an amount of 227,382 kgs to
the specific limit for Group 13 for the period 1.9.84 - 31.8.85
in respect of exports licensed since 1 September 1984 and prior
to 1 April 1985. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 7 of
the Memorandum of Understanding, Sweden shall admit such exports
of Group 13.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of
Hong Kong, this note and your note of acceptance on behalf of
the Government of Hong Kong shall constitute an amendment to
the Memorandum of Understanding between the Governments of
Sweden and Hong Kong.

.........Courtoisie
The Trade Department presents its compliments to the Consulate General of Sweden and has the honour to refer to the Consulate General's note dated 23 May 1985 proposing certain amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding signed on 20 June 1983 between the Government of Sweden and the Government of Hong Kong regarding exports of certain textile products from Hong Kong to Sweden.

2. The Trade Department wishes to confirm that the proposed amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding as a result of the consultations held between the two Governments held in Stockholm on 18-19 April 1985 are acceptable to the Government of Hong Kong.

3. The Trade Department avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Consulate General of Sweden the assurance of its highest consideration.

Trade Department
Hong Kong
28 May 1985

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