ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Amendment of the bilateral agreement
between Norway and Poland

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from Norway of modifications of its agreement with Poland. Product coverage was reduced, and levels on restrained categories were increased.\(^1\)

\(^1\)The bilateral agreement between the parties is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1400.

*English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente*
Dear Sir,

Pursuant to Article 4:4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles as extended by the 1986 Protocol, I am pleased to notify the Textiles Surveillance Body of modifications made in the bilateral agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Norway and the Government of the Polish People's Republic.

The agreement which covers the period 1 January 1988 - 31 December 1991, was intitialled in Warsaw 29 October 1987, implemented on a provisional basis from 1 January 1988, and signed in Oslo 3 March 1988. This agreement was reviewed by the Textile Surveillance Body at its ninth meeting 1988 (27 July 1988).

The reviewed agreement covered a total of 12 categories, of which 8 were subject to quota-limitations and 4 were subject to an administrative system of surveillance.

Norway has the intention to gradually liberalize its textile restraints. For this purpose consultations were held with Poland 31 August - 2 September 1988. The

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Ambassador
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The result is that the 4 categories which were subject to surveillance have been deleted altogether. The base levels for 5 categories have been increased by up to 12 per cent.

The amendments went into effect on 2 September 1988.

Due to administrative reasons I regret that the amendments in the agreement have not been notified at an earlier stage.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Martin Huslid
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
Agreed Minute


2. As a result of these consultations it was agreed to initial the enclosed amendments to the Textile Agreement.

Łódź, 2nd September, 1988

Mr Knut Kvamme
Head of the Norwegian Delegation

Mr Paweł Kovalczyk
Head of the Polish Delegation
Amendments

To the Agreement relating to the exports from Polish People's Republic of certain textile products for imports into Norway, signed in Oslo 3 March, 1988.

During consultations held in Warsaw on 31st August, 1988 and in Łódź on 1-2 September, 1988 in accordance with Paragraphs 19 and 15 of the Agreement, Norway and Poland agreed to the following amendments:

I In Annex A /Product categories covered by the Agreement/
delete:

9. Pairs Stockings, under stockings, socks, ankle socks, sockettes and the like, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberised, except women's stockings, sport stockings and thick woollen socks /known as "raggsokker"/

12. Pieces Costumes, dresses, suits, skirts and trousers, knitted or crocheted /incl. track suits/.

13. Kgs Gloves, mittens and mitts of textile material, not knitted or crocheted.

15. Pieces Men's, boy's, women's and girls' outer garments of woven material:

- Ulsters, overcoats, capes and coats /except those impregnated or coated with oil, varnish, rubber, artificial plastic materials and the like/.

II As a consequence of the deletions in Annex A, delete also Paragraph 8 of the Agreement /"Products covered by the Agreement without restraint levels"/ and the reference which is made to the paragraph in the MOU of 3 March 1988 i.e. section three on page one.
In Annex B /Restraint levels/ the base level under /b/ to be increased thus:

Cat. 1 from 19,000 pos to 20,000 pos
Cat. 2 from 9,000 pos to 10,000 pos
Cat. 3+4 from 210,000 pos to 235,000 pcs
Cat. 7 from 27,000 kgs to 30,000 kgs