ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Extension and amendment of the agreement between
Norway and Sri Lanka

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from Norway of an extension with amendments of the bilateral agreement with Sri Lanka for the period 1 January 1992 to 31 December 1993.

1The bilateral agreement and a previous amendment are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1436 and 1590.

*English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente
Dear Mr. Ambassador,


The agreement has been extended by two years to 31 December 1993.

The restraint for one category, category 5, has been abolished.

One new products category, category 70, netting and nets, has been covered by a designated consultation level set at 12000 kg. This has been agreed to avoid market disruption or risks thereof in Norway, while ensuring an orderly development of Sri Lanka’s exports to Norway.

Imports of category 70 products from Sri Lanka have in recent years (1988 - 1991) been between 900 - 1400 kg.

The annual growth and swing rates for netting and nets will in case of a restraint be at 3 %. Carryover and carryforward will be at 10 % and 5 % respectively. With respect to growth and flexibility provisions, reference is made to Article 1, Paragraph 2 and Annex B, Paragraph 2 of the Arrangement.
For 1992 certain uplifts have been agreed for the remaining categories. Carryover and carryforward have been increased to 10% and 5% respectively, from previously 8% and 4%.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Memorandum of the Agreed Minutes from the consultations between the two parties.

Yours sincerely,

Otto Wentzel
Head of Division

Copy: Permanent Delegation of Norway,
Geneva
AGREED MINUTES


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

Colombo, 12 March 1992

[Signatures]

Head of the Norwegian Delegation

Head of the Sri Lanka Delegation
AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
KINGDOM OF NORWAY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST
REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA RELATING TO THE EXPORTS FROM SRI LANKA
OF CERTAIN TEXTILE PRODUCTS FOR IMPORT INTO NORWAY, SIGNED AT
COLOMBO ON 9 FEBRUARY 1988.

I The Government of the Kingdom of Norway and the Government
of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka have
agreed to the following amendments to the Textile
Agreement:

(i) in Article 2, after "as extended by the Protocol of
31.7.1986" add "and as further extended by the Protocol
of 31.7.1991".

(ii) after Article 6, add the following text:

Designated consultation levels

6 bis. (a) The categories listed in Annex B marked with *
are subject to the designated consultation levels specified
therein.

(b) If the Government of Sri Lanka wishes to export textile
products to Norway in excess of the applicable designated
consultation levels, the Government of Sri Lanka shall request
the higher levels. The Government of Norway shall consider
such a request sympathetically. The Government of Norway
shall respond promptly and make every effort to resolve the
issues within 14 working days of the receipt of the initial
request. If the Government of Norway is unable to comply
fully with the request due to problems of market disruption or
real risk thereof, as described in Annex A of the Arrangement
in a category subject to such request the Government of
Norway will so inform the Government of Sri Lanka.
(c) The Government of Norway will supply data in accordance with paragraphs I and II of Annex A of the Arrangement to substantiate the position it has taken. The two Governments, unless agreed otherwise, shall consult as soon as possible within 30 days of the Norwegian denial of the request and shall make every effort to conclude such consultation within 30 days of its commencement. Until a mutually satisfactory change in the consultation level in question is established, shipment shall not exceed the existing consultation level.

(iii) delete Article 7, paragraph (d) on total flexibility.

(iv) in Article 16, third line, delete "1991" and replace it with "1993".

(v) in Article 16, after the present text, add the following text:
"However, this Agreement will cease to have effect from the date the Uruguay Round transition arrangement for integration of the textile sector into the GATT comes into force".

(vi) replace the existing Annex A on product coverage, with the attached Annex A.

(vii) replace the existing Annex B on restraints, with the attached Annex B.

II These amendments will take effect on 1 January 1992.
## PRODUCT CATEGORIES COVERED BY THE AGREEMENT

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