ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment to the Bilateral Agreement between Finland and Macao

Note by the Chairman

Attached hereto is a copy of a notification received from the Mission of Finland regarding an amendment to its textiles agreement with Macao.

1For original agreement, see COM.TEX/SB/370.

ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Notification conformément à l'article 4, paragraphe 4

Modification de l'accord bilatéral entre la Finlande et Macao

Note du Président

La Mission de la Finlande a fait parvenir au secrétariat la notification, reproduite ci-après, relative à une modification de l'accord sur les textiles conclu avec Macao.

1Pour le texte de l'accord initial, voir le document COM.TEX/SB/370.
Sir,

In accordance with article 4, paragraph 4 of the MFA I have the honour to notify hereby an amendment to the bilateral textiles agreement between Finland and Macau. The original agreement was concluded in June 1978 and applies up till 31 December 1981. The text of the original agreement was notified to the Textiles Surveillance Body under articles 7 and 8 of the MFA, since Macau had not at that time accepted the protocol of extension. It is contained in document COM.TEX/SB/370.

The amendment covers only one product category, i.e. women's and girls' woven blouses of cotton and man-made fibres, Finnish tariff position 61.02.502-509. The agreed restraint covers the second half of 1980 and the year 1981.

The base level has been agreed on the basis of a calculated roll-back figure of 273,475 pieces during the twelve-month period ending on 31 January 1980. In the restraint level there is a growth of 3% compared with the roll-back level. The growth rate between the latter half of 1980 and the year 1981 is 2%. These growth rates are, in accordance with paragraph 2 of Annex B, based on the threat to Finland's minimum viable production in the product concerned.

H.E. Paul Wurth
Chairman
Textiles Surveillance Body
GATT
Geneva
Swing is granted at the level of 6% as in the original agreement. Carryover/carryforward is higher, i.e. 11/6% as compared with 10/5% in the original agreement.

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

Matti Pullinen
First Secretary

Encl.
I refer to your letter dated 1 July 1980 which states as follows:

"With reference to the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Government of Finland and the Government of Macau on 16th June 1978 and the consultations requested by the Finnish authorities, held between a delegation from Finland and a delegation from Macau in Macau on June 30th and July 1st 1980 and having regard to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles I wish to confirm the following understanding reached:

1. Macau agrees to voluntarily restrain its exports of women's and girls' woven blouses of cotton and man-made fibres (Finnish Tariff Classification No. 61.02.502-509) to Finland to 141,000 pieces in July - December 1980 and to 287,640 pieces in 1981.

2. For the products mentioned above, Carry Over and Carry Forward taken together shall not exceed 11 per cent, of which Carry Forward shall not represent more than 6%.

3. The other provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding between Finland and Macau shall apply to these exports respectively."
I confirm that this understanding has been mutually agreed between both delegations.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Erkki Pajari