INFORMATION ON IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION
OF THE AGREEMENT

Addendum

The following communication under Article 5:4(b) has been received from the delegation of Hong Kong.

I am instructed by my authorities to report to the Committee the introduction in Hong Kong of an import licensing system for all textiles. The system has become effective as from 1 August 1980. In this connexion I enclose a copy of Legal Notice 182/80 regarding the Import and Export (General) Regulations (Amendment of First Schedule) Order 1980, published in the Legal Supplement to the Hong Kong Government Gazette No. 29 Vol. CXXII dated 18 July 1980.

In relation to this change, we enclose pursuant to Article 1.4 a copy of a circular letter dated 9 July 1980 from the Hong Kong Trade Industry and Customs Department to the major trade and industrial associations and transportation, shipping and airline companies, setting out the details of the system.

The information relevant to this system has been incorporated into Hong Kong's recent response to GATT/AIR/1632 - "Data on Licensing Systems".

I am also instructed to inform you that at present Hong Kong is compiling the copies of laws and regulations and published material relevant to import licensing, for submission to the GATT secretariat in accordance with the procedures set out in LIC/W/1 concerning Articles 1.4 and 5.4(a).
1. This order may be cited as the Import and Export (General) Regulations (Amendment of First Schedule) Order 1980 and shall come into operation on 1 August 1980.

2. The First Schedule to the principal regulations is amended by inserting after item 7, the following:

"8. Textiles."

W. DORWARD,
Director of Trade, Industry and Customs

26 June 1980

Explanatory Note:

This order adds textiles to the list of articles specified in the First Schedule to the Import and Export (General) Regulations. Articles specified in the First Schedule may not be imported except under and in accordance with a licence issued under section 3 of the Import and Export Ordinance.
Conditions of Issue of this Licence include the following:

(1) This form must be submitted in triplicate.

(2) The original must be surrendered to the Transportation, Shipping or Airline Company, and returned by their agent to the Trade Industry and Customs Department together with the relevant manifest, within fourteen days after the day on which the goods are imported as required by Section 8 of the Import and Export Ordinance, Cap. 60.

(3) The importer must file an Import Declaration in respect of items on this licence.

(4) This licence is valid for twenty-eight days from the date of issue, unless otherwise stated.

Note: Provided there are no complications, the licence will be ready for collection two clear working days (i.e. excluding Sundays and public holidays) after the date upon which the form is received.
Import Licensing System for Textiles and Garments

With effect from 1 August 1980, all imports of textiles and garments will be subject to prior import licensing under Regulation 3 of the Import and Export (General) Regulations, Chapter 60, Laws of Hong Kong. This means that all textiles and garments (as defined in paragraph 2 below) imported into Hong Kong on or after 1 August 1980 must be covered by an import licence. The following paragraphs set out the requirements and operation of the import licensing system in respect of textiles and garments.

Coverage and Definition of Textiles and Garments

2. For the purpose of the import licensing system, "textiles" is defined in Regulation 2 of the Import and Export (General) Regulations as follows:—

"Textiles include any natural or artificial fibre products and any combination of natural and artificial fibre products in the form of yarn, fabrics, garments or other manufactured articles."

This is generally taken to mean products falling within the descriptions of Divisions 65 and 84 (other than Group 848) of the Hong Kong Imports and Exports Classification List. Any queries regarding the coverage of this definition should be directed to the officer listed in paragraph 12 below.

Licensing Arrangements and Application Procedure

3. The Textiles Controls Division of the Trade Industry and Customs Department is responsible for the issue of such import licences. Import licences will be issued automatically.

(a) Application Form

4. Applications for textile import licences must be completed in triplicate on Form TIC 187A (sample at Appendix A), copies of which will be available for sale as from 21 July 1980 at the following addresses:
(i) Government Publication Centre,  
General Post Office Building,  
G/F, Connaught Place,  
Hong Kong.

(ii) Headquarters Collection Office,  
Trade Industry and Customs Department,  
Ocean Centre, G/F,  
Canton Road,  
Kowloon.

(iii) Hong Kong Sub-Office,  
Trade Industry and Customs Department,  
46 Connaught Road, G/F,  
Central,  
Hong Kong.

(b) Application procedure

5. (i) Textile import licences must be applied on a consignment by  
consignment basis i.e. each licence may cover only one consignment of  
textile imports. For this purpose, textile goods imported on the same  
carrier from the same exporter to the same importer may be regarded as  
one consignment.

(ii) The Department will start to receive textile import licence  
applications from 8:45 a.m. on Wednesday 23 July 1980. All applications  
must be submitted to the "Textile Import Licence Receipt Counters"  
situated at G/F, Ocean Centre, Kowloon, or at the Hong Kong Sub-Office,  
46 Connaught Road, Central, G/F, Hong Kong. Upon receipt of the licence  
application, a receipt bearing the receipt number and date of application  
will be issued to the applicant. No application fees will be charged.

(iii) Provided there are no complications, the licence will be ready  
for collection two clear working days (i.e. excluding Sundays and public  
holidays) after the date upon which the application is received, at the  
"Textile Import Licence Issue Counters" situated in the office where  
the licence application was submitted.

(iv) The original and duplicate copies of the licence will be issued  
to the applicant while the triplicate copy will be retained by the  
Department for record purposes.

(c) Validity of Textile Import Licence

6. All approved textile import licences will be valid for 28 days from the  
date of issue unless otherwise stated. The goods intended to be covered by  
the import licence must be imported into Hong Kong within the validity period  
of the import licence. It is, however, not necessary to take delivery of the  
goods from the transportation, airline or shipping company within this period  
(see paragraph 9 below).
(d) Declaration of particulars on licence applications

7. All parts on the application form must be completed. Particular attention should be paid to the following:

(i) Vessel/flight no.

Where the information is known to the applicant at the time of application, the vessel/flight number of the carrier on which the goods are imported should be filled in the appropriate box. Otherwise, the words, "By Sea", "By Air", "By Train" or "By Truck" should be put down in the box as appropriate.

(ii) Quantity covered by the Textile Import Licence

On all copies of the licence application, the numerals for the quantity of goods (in commercial units) to be imported as shown in the "No. of Units" column must be blocked immediately front and back by the placement of double asterisks and the quantity must be expressed in words as well.

(e) Amendments/cancellations of approved import licences

8. All requests for amendment/cancellation to approved textile import licences must be made on the request form (sample at Appendix B), with the original and duplicate of the licence attached.

Presentation of textile import licence to transportation, shipping and airline companies

9. To take delivery of the goods covered by a textile import licence, the original copy of the licence must be surrendered to the transportation, shipping or airline company.

Transportation, shipping and airline companies

10. Transportation, shipping and airline companies are reminded that under Section 8 of the Import and Export Ordinance, they should not release any textile goods imported into Hong Kong to any person without the production of a valid textile import licence. The textile import licences against which goods have been released should be returned to the Trade Industry and Customs Department together with the relevant manifest within fourteen days after the day on which the goods are imported.

Important warning

11. Importers are requested to note that Regulation 3 of the Import and Export (General) Regulations provides that no person shall import textiles into Hong Kong except under and in accordance with a valid import licence. Any person who contravenes this Regulation shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a fine of $50,000 and to imprisonment for one year.
Enquiries

12. Should you require any additional information, please contact the following officer:

    Mr. E.T.H. Cheung  Trade Officer  3-673416
### Import Licence (Textiles) Form 7

**Appendix A**

**ABC Co.,**
1st Avenue,
New York, N.Y. 1234

**XYZ Co.,**
19/F Ocean Centre
Tsim Sha Tsui
Kowloon

**Storage Address (If different from Importer's address)**

ABC Wharf
Z Street
Kowloon

**Importing Country**
USA

**Vessel/Flight No.**
P&O AM 2021

**Tel. No.**
3-123456

**Value c.i.f.**
HKS 2000

**Date of Issue and Licence No.**
LIC/1/Add.14

**Date of Receipt and Receipt No.**

**Packaging**

**No. of Units**

**No. of Packages**

**Description of Goods**

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**Importers Declaration**

I, A. Chan, principal official of XYZ Co., hereby declare that I am the importer of the packages of goods in respect of which this application is made and that the particulars given herein are true.

Date: 28/7/80

Signature and Chop

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Appendix B

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT

Import and Export Ordinance (Cap. 60)
Import and Export (General) Regulations

To: Director of Trade Industry and Industry

Request for Amendment/Cancellation

Import Licence No.:

Exporting Country:

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Importer's Declaration

I, .................................................., principal officer of ................................................................. (Name and address of Importer's Co.)

hereby declare that the particulars given above are true/request that the above licence be cancelled.

Date ......................

(Signature and Chop)

* A written explanation must be provided if any copy of the licence is not returned for amendment.

Delete where inapplicable.