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TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Modification of the Bilateral Agreement  
between the EEC and Hong Kong

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the Commission of the European Communities concerning a modification of the bilateral agreement between the EEC and Hong Kong. The parties agreed to limits on corsetry (Category 86)<sup>1</sup> when imported into the United Kingdom for the agreement period 1984 to 1986.

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<sup>1</sup> The original bilateral agreement between the EEC and Hong Kong is contained in COM.TEX/SB/925

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Dear Ambassador,

In connection with the European Economic Community's Agreement on trade in textile products with Hong Kong negotiated under Article 4 of the Arrangement and initialled on 30 November 1982, I have to inform you of the following.

During the course of 1984 imports of corsetry (category 86) from Hong Kong into the United Kingdom exceeded 109.000 pieces, being the level at which the Community could ask for consultations with a view to establishing a regional limit under the provisions of Article 7 of the Agreement. The Community being of the view that there was real risk of market disruption in this case, the two sides consulted on 14 November 1984 in pursuance of Article 15 of the Agreement. As a result of these consultations, and in conformity with the provisions of the Agreement, Hong Kong agreed to limit its exports as follows :

Category	Unit	Member State	1984	1985	1986
86	1,000 pieces	UK	650	675	708

These new limits contained in the agreed minute annexed to this letter, are herewith communicated under Article 4, paragraph 4 of the Arrangement, as a modification to the Community's Agreement with Hong Kong.

Yours sincerely,



J. KECK

BASKET EXIT LIMITATION

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Category : 86

Unit : 1000 pieces

Countries : Hong Kong/UK

a) Date when new limit was agreed	-	14 November 1984
b) Basket Exit Level	-	109
c) Provisional limit introduced pending outcome of consultations	-	None
d) Level of new agreed limit	-	650
e) First year of application of new limit	-	1984
f) Annual growth	-	4.5%
g) Date when consultations were requested	-	22.10.1984
h) Recorded imports at date of request	-	305
i) Period covered by h)	-	January-June 1984
j) Imports during calendar year preceding year during which consultation was requested	-	310

AGREED MINUTE  
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1. Delegations of Hong Kong and of the European Economic Community met in Brussels on the 14. November 1984 for consultations pursuant to Article 7 and 15 of the Agreement on trade in textiles between Hong Kong and the Community' initialled on 30 November 1982.

2. As a result of these consultations, Hong Kong agreed to limit its exports of corsetry (category 86) (NIMEXE positions 61.02-20, 30,40,80) to the Community's region of the United Kingdom to the following restraint levels :

1984	:	650.000 pieces
1985	:	675.000 pieces
1986	:	708.000 pieces

3. It is the understanding of both parties that all provisions of the Agreement which concern exports of products subject to quantitative limits established in Annex II, shall apply to exports of Category 86 products from Hong Kong to the UK region of the Community as from the 1. January 1984.

Brussels, 16 November 1984

Delegation of Hong Kong



Delegation of the European Economic  
Community

