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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Bilateral Agreement between Sweden and Singapore

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from Sweden of a bilateral agreement concluded under Article 4 between Sweden and Singapore for the period 1 December 1983 to 30 November 1988. The new agreement superseded a provisional extension of the previous agreement.

¹ The previous agreement and its provisional extension are contained in COM.TEX/SB/839 and 979

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Imports of made-up articles increased heavily during 1980 but declined in 1981 due to weak demand and has since remained at a level which is still very high. Sweden has the highest import penetration of textiles in the world.

For Sweden, being a small market with an exceptionally high level of imports and a low domestic production, the maintenance of a minimum viable production is of vital importance.

Copies of the Agreement and related documents are attached.

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G E N E V A

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE AND THE GOVERNMENT
OF SWEDEN REGARDING EXPORTS OF CERTAIN TEXTILE PRODUCTS
FROM SINGAPORE TO SWEDEN

Article 1

The following Agreement has been reached having regard to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles bearing in mind particularly the provisions of article 1.2 and article 4 thereof and the provisions of GATT document L/5276.

Article 2

This Agreement shall apply for the periods specified in Annex I.

Article 3

- a) This Agreement shall apply to exports from Singapore to Sweden of the textile products described in Annex I thereof, of cotton, wool or man-made fibres, or blend thereof, in which any or all of these fibres in combination represent either the chief value of the fibres or 50 per cent or more by weight (or 17 per cent or more by weight of wool).
- b) This Agreement shall also apply to the products described in Annex I hereof, which are manufactured from impregnated fabrics as defined in Annex II of this Agreement.

Article 4

The Government of Singapore will limit exports from Singapore to Sweden of the textile products listed in Annex I to the levels/ sublevels set out in that Annex. The date of issue of shipping documents is considered to be the date of exportation.

Article 5

- a) If in the period 1 December, 1982 to 30 November, 1983 the group/sub-group limits specified in column (f) of Annex I to the Agreement of 24 November, 1981 are not fully utilised, the Government of Singapore may, after informing the Government of Sweden, during the period 1 December, 1983 to 30 November, 1984 approve the exports of additional amounts (carryover) equivalent to such shortfalls provided that such exports
- i) are in the same groups/sub-groups where the shortfalls occurred;
 - ii) do not exceed 3 per cent of the limits of these groups/sub-groups specified in column (f) of Annex I to the Agreement of 24 November, 1981.
- b) If in any twelve months period of this Agreement, the group/sub-group limits specified in Annex I to this Agreement are not fully utilised, the Government of Singapore may, after informing the Government of Sweden, during the subsequent restraint period approve the export of additional amounts (carryover) equivalent to such shortfalls provided that such exports
- i) are in the same groups/sub-groups where the shortfalls occurred;
 - ii) do not exceed 3 per cent of the limits of these groups/sub-groups for the period during which the shortfalls occurred.
- c) During each of the periods in columns e - i of Annex I to this Agreement, the Government of Singapore may, after informing the Government of Sweden, approve the export of amounts in excess of the group/sub-group limits specified in Annex I to this Agreement up to 3 per cent of these limits (carry forward) for the relevant period. Where specific group/sub-groups limits have been

increased by carry forward the Government of Singapore shall inform the Government of Sweden of the carry forward quantities and debit these to the corresponding group/sub-group limits, which are or may be agreed upon for the subsequent period.

- d) During each of the periods in columns e - i of Annex I to this Agreement the Government of Singapore may, after informing the Government of Sweden, approve the export of amounts in excess of the group/sub-group limits specified in Annex I to this Agreement up to 3 per cent (swing) of these limits. Where specific group/sub-group limits have been increased by swing a corresponding reduction shall be made in one or more of other group/sub-group limits. For the purpose of calculating swing, the conversion factors in Annex III shall apply.
- e) During each of the periods in columns e - i of Annex I to this Agreement, the additional export quantities resulting from carryover, carry forward and swing taken together shall, for each specific group/sub-group limit, not exceed 3 per cent of the respective agreed limit.

Article 6

The Government of Sweden will admit imports of the textile products of Singapore origin, listed in Annex I, only when such products are covered by a Certificate of Origin as per specimen in Annex IV. Such a document shall be issued by the Controller of Imports and Exports, Singapore, be consecutively numbered, state the group number and bear an endorsement by the Trade Development Board, Singapore, that the consignments concerned have been approved and debited to the agreed limit for exports to Sweden for the relevant period.

Article 7

If the information available to the Swedish authorities shows that the quantitative limit for the category of products specified in a Certificate of Origin has already been reached or the unused portion of that limit is insufficient to cover the goods specified in the certificate, the said authorities may refuse to admit any quantity in excess of the quantitative limit. In this event, the Government of Sweden shall inform the Government of Singapore as soon as possible. Should any excess quantity be permitted to enter Sweden, the over-shipped quantity shall be deducted from the relevant level which may be agreed for the following restraint period.

Article 8

Both parties regard it as essential that exports from Singapore to Sweden of the textile products listed in Annex I are evenly spaced throughout the period of agreement and that, in the allocation of quotas, due consideration is given to traditional patterns of trade. Accordingly, the Government of Singapore undertakes to provide a procedure to achieve this.

Article 9

The Government of Singapore will forward to the Government of Sweden, via the Embassy of Sweden in Singapore, monthly statistics on a cumulative basis of the quantities of the Groups 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11c, and of the weight of the "rest group", as well as of sub-groups A and 11b, listed in Annex I, for which duly endorsed Certificates of Origin for export to Sweden have been issued for the relevant period of agreement. The statistics shall reach the Government of Sweden within a period of two months from the month under reference.

The Government of Sweden will forward to the Government of Singapore monthly statistics on a cumulative basis of licences issued for imports from Singapore of the above mentioned groups listed in Annex I. The statistics shall reach the Government of Singapore, via the Embassy of Sweden in Singapore, within a period of two months from the month of reference.

Article 10

The Government of Sweden and the Government of Singapore agree to consult each other, at the request of either party, when any problem arises from the implementation of this Agreement. The Government of Sweden and the Government of Singapore agree furthermore to enter into consultations on the prolongation, modification or removal of the limitations before the end of the period of the Agreement.

Article 11

The Government of Singapore and the Government of Sweden agree to collaborate with a view to taking appropriate action to avoid circumvention of limitations by such devices as transshipment, re-routing, fraud, etc.

Article 12

The Annexes of this Agreement shall be considered as integral parts of the Agreement.

Article 13



Either Government may terminate this agreement before the end of the period of validity, provided that at least ninety days' notice is given. In such event the Agreement shall come to an end on the expiry of the period of notice.

Article 14

This Agreement has been drawn up in two copies in the English language, each of these texts being equally authentic.

Done in *Singapore* on *29 September 1984*


~~For the Government
of Singapore~~


For the Government
of Sweden 

Group No. (a)	Ex Swedish Tariff Classification No. (b)	Description (c)	Unit (d)	Level for Period 83.12.01- 84.11.30 (e)	Level for Period 84.12.01- 85.11.30 (f)	Level for Period 85.12.01- 86.11.30 (g)	Level for Period 86.12.01- 87.11.30 (h)	Level for Period 87.12.01- 88.11.30 (i)
8	60.05.80-, 83-, 84- 61.01.003, 005, 50- 61.02.005, 60-, 99-	Trousers, <u>other than</u> shorts (including work trousers eg trousers with bib and braces and trousers made of impregnated fabrics)	Pcs	511,265	516,100	523,900	532,200	540,830
9	60.05.60-, 61.02.006, 20-, 30-, 40-, 99-	Costumes (including two- or three-piece ladies' costumes), dresses and skirts	Pcs	173,620	175,280	178,100	181,000	183,600
10	60.05.80-, 82-, 84- 61.02.006, 50-, 99-	Blouses	Pcs	462,490	467,580	472,725	478,490	484,630
11c	60.05.80-, 84-, 87-, 89-, 61.01.003, 006, 70- 61.02.006, 80-, 99-	Shorts	Pcs	90,045	90,090	90,140	90,180	90,230
<u>Rest Group</u>								
3	60.04.21-, 25- 61.03.20-, 61.04.10-	Night-wear))))					
7	60.05.812, 80-, 84-, 89- 61.01.003, 006, 30-, 41- 61.02.006, 902-906, 909	Suits, lounge coats and blazers))))					

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DEFINITION OF "IMPREGNATED FABRICS" FOR THE PURPOSES OF ARTICLE 3

- 1 Fabrics of cotton, wool or man-made fibres or any blend containing one or more of those fibres in which either wool represents 17 per cent or more by weight or any or all of those fibres in combination represent 50 per cent or more by weight of the unfinished fabric shall be defined as "impregnated fabrics" where those fabrics have been impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with preparations of cellulose derivatives or of other artificial plastic materials whatever the nature of the plastic material (compact, foam, sponge or expanded).
- 2 The definition does not cover:
 - a) Fabrics which, after impregnation, coating, covering or lamination, cannot, without fracturing, be bent manually around a cylinder of a diameter of 7 mm at a temperature between 15°C and 30°C.
 - b) Fabrics either completely embedded in artificial plastic materials or coated or covered on both sides with such material.

ANNEX III

For the purpose of calculating swing, the following conversion factors will apply:

<u>Group No</u>	<u>Conversion Factor</u> <u>(Pieces/Kilogram)</u>
1	25
2	4.5
4/5	5.5
6	1.5
8	2
9	4
10	6
11C	6

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REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN / ~~PROCESSING~~

No.

Consignee

Country of Origin of Goods

Country of Final Destination

Departure Date

Vessel's Name/Aircraft, etc.

Port of Discharge

(*Include Brand names if necessary)

NO UNAUTHORISED
ADDITION/
ALTERATION MAY
BE MADE TO THIS
CERTIFICATE ONCE
IT IS ISSUED

Marks & Numbers

No. & Kind of Packages
Description of Goods*Quantity
& Unit

SPECIMEN

I hereby certify that evidence has been produced to satisfy me that the goods specified above are the manufacture or produce of the country as shown above.

ORDINARY CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN

Director of Import and Exports
Trade Development Board
Republic of Singapore

Officer in Charge

The consignment above has been
debited to the agreed limit for export
to SWEDEN for
Group No for
..... pieces only.
For Quota Year
Date

