

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON  
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 Norway and Hong Kong

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from Norway of a modification of its bilateral agreement with Hong Kong. The parties agreed to a limit on Category 7 (bed linen) for the agreement year 1 July 1984 to 30 June 1985; the limit was<sup>1</sup> converted to a restraint limit for the agreement period ending 30 June 1987.

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<sup>1</sup>The original agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1075

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Dear Ambassador Raffaelli,

I have the honour to notify to the ~~Textiles~~ Surveillance Body an amendment to the M of U dated 24 August 1984 between Norway and Hong Kong introducing specific restraints for category 7 (bed-linen) previously covered by the export authorization provisions, paragraph 9 of that M of U. The call for consultations was made 30 January 1985 based on information from Hong Kong that the level of export authorizations issued had reached 24.186 kgs. Compared to actual imports of 4.474 kgs. in 1983 and 7.186 kgs. in the first 11 months of 1984 this, in the view of Norway clearly demonstrated that a sharp and substantial increase in imports from Hong Kong was about to take place.

During consultations in February 1985 delegations from the two parties agreed on a limit of 28.000 kgs. for the period 1 July 1984 - 30 June 1985.

By exchange of notes on 28 June 1985 the two parties agreed to convert this limit into a restraint limit effective as from 1 July 1985.

Please find enclosed copies of the agreed minute dated 19 February 1985 and the exchange of notes dated 28 June 1985.

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Yours sincerely,

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H.E. Ambassador M. Raffaelli  
Chairman  
Textiles Surveillance Body  
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AGREED MINUTE

Norwegian and Hong Kong delegations consulted in Geneva on 19 February 1985 under paragraph 9.2 of the Norway/Hong Kong Memorandum of Understanding on trade in textiles signed in Hong Kong on 24 August 1984. An ad referendum agreement was reached that Hong Kong shall limit exports of Category 7 (bed linen) to Norway to a level of 28,000 Kgs for the period 1 July 1984 to 30 June 1985.

The Government of Norway will communicate with the Government of Hong Kong with a view to establish that both Governments confirm this agreement.

Geneva, 19 February 1985



Arne Melchior

(Chairman Norwegian Delegation)



Peter Wise

( Hong Kong Delegation)

The Trade Department presents its compliments to the Royal Norwegian Consulate General and has the honour to refer to the Consulate General's notes of 11 and 12 June 1985 respectively concerning the Memorandum of Understanding signed in Hong Kong on 24 August 1984 relating to the Exports from Hong Kong of certain textile products for import into Norway and the exchange of notes dated 15 and 20 March 1985 relating to Category 7 (bed-linen) of Annex A of the Memorandum of Understanding.

2. The Hong Kong Government notes the wish of the Government of Norway to convert the limit established for Category 7 (bed linen) for the period 1 July 1984 - 30 June 1985 into a restraint limit effective as from 1 July 1985. The Hong Kong Government wishes to confirm that the following shall apply to Category 7 from 1 July 1985 in accordance with paragraph 9.8 of the Memorandum of Understanding :

Restraint limit : 1 July 1985 - 30 June 1986 - 28,140 kg.  
1 July 1986 - 30 June 1987 - 28,281 kg.

Swing : 1.5 per cent

Max. 2 per cent carryover/carryforward combined, of which carry forward shall not represent more than 1%.

3. For the purpose of swing, the Hong Kong Government wishes to propose a conversion factor of 11 equivalent square yards per kilogram for Category 7.

4. If the above is acceptable to the Government of Norway, the Trade Department proposes that this note and the Consulate General's note confirming acceptance on behalf of the Government of Norway shall constitute an agreement between our two governments under paragraph 9.8 of the Memorandum of Understanding.

5. The Trade Department avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Royal Norwegian Consulate General the assurances of its highest consideration.


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**Trade Department**

## Hong Kong

28 June 1985

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The Royal Norwegian Consulate General presents its compliments to the Trade Department and has the honour to refer to the Trade Department's note of 28 June 1985 relating to proposed changes in Category 7 (bed-linen) of Annex A of the Memorandum of Understanding, signed in Hong Kong, 24 August 1984.

On behalf of the Norwegian Government, the Consulate General of Norway in Hong Kong accepts the proposals set forth in the Trade Department's note of June 26 1985, and thus agrees that the following shall apply to Category 7 from 1 July 1985 in accordance with paragraph 9.8 of the Memorandum of Understanding:

"Restraint limit; 1 July 1985 - ~~30 June 1986~~ - 28,140 kg.  
1 July 1986 - 30 June 1987 - 28,281 kg.

Swing: 1.5 per cent.

Maximum 2 per cent Carryover/Carryforward combined, of which carryforward shall not represent more than 1 per cent."

For the purpose of swing, a conversion factor of 11 equivalent square yards per kilogram shall apply."

It is understood that the Trade Department's note of 28 June 1985 and the present acceptance note shall constitute an agreement between the governments of Hong Kong and Norway under paragraph 9.8 of the Memorandum of Understanding.

The Royal Norwegian Consulate General avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Trade Department the assurances of its highest consideration.

Royal Norwegian Consulate General  
Hong Kong, 28 June 1985