

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

CONFIDENTIAL

TARIFFS AND TRADE

TEX.SB/1441*
25 February 1988

Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Amendment of the bilateral agreement between Finland and Macao

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from Finland of an amendment of its agreement concluded with Macao.¹

¹ The agreement between the parties is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1242.

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The Agreed Minutes provide for growth of 2,5 and 3 per cent. The carry forward, carry over and swing provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding apply.

The present enlargement of the existing Memorandum of Understanding was necessary due to the rapidly growing imports from Macau in the categories concerned. During the first seven months of 1987 the increase in the new category VI (men's and boy's jackets, blazers etc.) was 926 per cent, in the category VII 238 per cent for men's and boys' trousers and 71 per cent for women's , girls' and infants' trousers. In category IX (women's and girls' skirts) the corresponding growth was 338 per cent. The newly added category II products (jumpers, sweaters, cardigans, T-shirts of cotton) showed an increase of 124,5 per cent.

On the other hand the volume of the production of the Finnish clothing industry declined by 9 per cent in January-August 1987, compared with the same period of the previous year. The preliminary figure for the textile industry in 1986 shows a decline in volume of 7.1 per cent and for the production of knitted wears a decline of 9.9 per cent. The employment situation is weakening accordingly and exports show a declining trend.

In the light of the foregoing the Government of Finland believes that the Agreed Minutes are in conformity with the provisions of the MFA and its Protocol of Extension.

Yours sincerely,


Pekka Huhtaniemi
Minister-Counsellor

AGREED MINUTES

During the consultations held in Geneva on November 18 and 19, 1987 between a delegation from Finland and a delegation from Macau on imports of textiles from Macau to Finland and having regard to the Arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles, to the Protocol extending the said Arrangement signed on July 31, 1986 and to Articles 8 and 9 of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between Finland and Macau on 15 of November 1986, agreement was reached as follows:

1.
The following amendments to the present Memorandum of Understanding between Finland and Macau, signed on 15 of November 1986 shall apply from January 1, 1988.
2.
Annex I of the present Memorandum of Understanding is replaced by Annex I to these Agreed Minutes the amendments taking effect on 1 January 1988.
3.
Annex II of the present Memorandum of Understanding is replaced by Annex II to these Agreed Minutes the amendments taking effect on 1 January 1988.
4.
Annexes I and II of these Agreed Minutes are based on the Tariff Classification numbers resulting from the introduction of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System introduced by Finland as from 1st of January 1988.
5.
In case of any reclassification concerning a product declared in an Export Licence issued by the Government of Macau, the Government of Macau, the Government of Finland will notify the government of Macau, and will not allow the customs clearance nor charge it to any restraint limit unless a new Export Licence with the correct category is issued.

Done in Helsinki on December 1, 1987
For the Government of Finland


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Done in Macau on *28-12-1987*
For the Government of Macau


António Alberto Galhardo Simões

ANNEX I

CAT	(a) Finnish HS- Tariff Classification No.*)	(b) Description	(c) Unit of quantity	(d) 1988 limit	(e) Annual growth rate	(f) Conversion Factor pieces/kg
CAT-I	61.07.11.00 61.07.12.00	Men's and boys' knitted briefs, drawers, under- shorts and the like, of cotton or man- made fibres.	Pieces	179 375	2,5 %	
CAT-II	61.05.10.00 61.05.20.00 61.06.10.00 61.06.20.00 61.09.10.10 61.09.10.90 61.09.90.21 61.09.90.29 61.10.20.00 61.10.30.00	Jumpers, sweaters, cardigans, pullovers, blouses and shirts, (including T-shirts, singlets and undershirts) knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly by weight of cotton or man-made fibres men's and boys', women's and girls's wear.	Pieces	610 000	2,5 %	
CAT-III	62.06.30.00 62.06.40.00	Women's and girls' blouses of cotton and man-made fibres	Pieces	314 525	2,0 %	
CAT-IV	62.05.20.00 62.05.30.00	Men's and boys' shirts of cotton and man-made fibres	Pieces	30 750	2,5 %	
CAT-V	62.12.10.00	Brassieres, ready made	Pieces	87 125	2,5 %	

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CAT-VI	62.01.91.00	Men's and boys' jackets	Pieces	35 000	3,0 %
	62.01.92.00	blazers, anoraks			
	62.01.93.00	(including ski-jackets),			
	62.03.31.00	and the like of wool,			
	62.03.32.00	cotton and man-made fibres			
	62.03.33.00				
ex	62.03.39.00				
CAT-VII	62.03.42.11	Men's and boys', women's			
	62.03.42.19	and girls trousers of			
	62.04.62.11	cotton.	Pieces	780 000	2,5 %
	62.04.62.19				
CAT-VIII	62.02.11.00	Women's and girls' ulsters,	Pieces	45.000	3,0 %
	62.02.12.00	coats, jackets and			
	62.02.13.00	anoraks (including ski-jackets),			
	62.02.91.00	of wool, cotton and man-made			
	62.02.92.00	fibres			
	62.02.93.00				
	62.04.31.00				
	62.04.32.00				
	62.04.33.00				
ex	62.04.39.00				
CAT-IX	62.04.51.00	Women's and girls' skirts	Pieces	116 000	2,5 %
	62.04.52.00	and divided skirts of wool,			
	62.04.53.00	cotton and man-made fibres			
ex	62.04.59.00				

*) The subheadings serve for indicative purposes only

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ANNEX II

Products subject to administrative control according to paragraph 8 of the agreement

(a) Finnish HS-Tariff Classification	(b) Product Description
61.08.21.00 61.08.22.00	Women's and girls' knitted briefs, drawers, panties, undershorts and the like of cotton or man-made fibres
ex 62.03.43.00 ex 62.03.49.00	Men's and boys' trousers of man-made fibres
ex 62.04.63.00 ex 62.04.69.00	Women's and girls' trousers of man-made fibres

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