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TARIFFS AND TRADE

Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Amendment of the bilateral agreement between Finland and India

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from Finland of an amendment of its bilateral agreement with India. A restraint was agreed on bedlinen for the period 1 January 1988 to 31 December 1991.¹

* English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente

¹ The bilateral agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1245.

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Dear Ambassador Raffaelli,

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With reference to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (hereinafter referred to as the MFA), done at Geneva on 2 December 1973, and to the Protocol extending the MFA, done at Geneva on 31 July 1986, as well as to the Finnish notification of 13 February 1987 as well as to my communication to you, Sir, on 20 April 1988, I have the honour to notify the Textiles Surveillance Body of the Agreed Minutes, signed on 1 July 1988, amending Annex I of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Finland and the Government of India, signed on 28 November 1986.

The Agreed Minutes enlarge the product coverage of the Memorandum of Understanding from three to four categories under quantitative limits. The new category 4 (bedlinen of cotton and other textile materials) has been added to Annex I.

The Agreed Minutes provide for annual growth of 3 per cent in category 4.

The present enlargement of the existing Memorandum of Understanding was necessary due to the rapidly growing imports from India in the category concerned. The imports of bedlinen from India to Finland were 10 tons in the year 1986. In the year 1987 the volume of imports increased to 154 tons according to the Finnish statistics. This trend has continued during the current year.

The sharp increase of imports of bedlinen from India, combined with exceptionally low prices, had caused a clear market disruption as well as a serious threat of damage to the minimum viable production of bedlinen with tangible problems for the Finnish industry in question.

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

Yours sincerely,


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Minister-Counsellor

Enclosure

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AGREED MINUTES

During the consultations held in Helsinki on June 30 and July 1, 1988, between the delegation of Finland and the delegation of India on imports of bedlinen from India to Finland, and having regard to the Arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles, the Protocol extending the said Arrangement signed on July 31, 1986, and to the Article 12 of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between Finland and India on 28 November, 1986, agreement was reached as follows:

1. The present Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Finland and the Government of India, signed on 28 November 1986, will be amended to include the following to Annex I of the Memorandum of Understanding:

Category	Finnish tariff classification no.	Description	Unit of quantity	1.1.1988 to 31.12.1988	1.1.1989 to 31.12.1989	1.1.1990 to 31.12.1990	1.1.1991 to 31.12.1991	Conversion factor (pieces/pair/kg)
4	62.02.115-199	Bed linen of cotton and other textile materials	Tonnes	192.5	198.3	204.3.	210.4	1

2. As regards the revised tariff classification for bedlinen on account of the introduction of the Harmonised System, attention is drawn to the Article 16 of the abovementioned Memorandum of Understanding.

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