

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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TEX.SB/1564*

1 June 1989

TARIFFS AND TRADE

Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 11

Report on the Status of Restrictive Measures
as requested by the TSB in accordance with Article 11¹

HONG KONG

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a report received from Hong Kong on the status of restrictions maintained by it on imports of textile products covered by the Arrangement as extended by the 1986 Protocol. This report has been submitted in accordance with Article 11, paragraphs 11, 12 and 2 of the MFA.²

¹ See COM.TEX/SB/1467

² The previous report is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1422/Add.5

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Geneva, 12 May 1989

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Chairman,
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General Agreement on Tariffs &
Trade,
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154 rue de Lausanne,
1211 GENEVA 21

Dear Ambassador Raffaelli,

Enclosed please find Hong Kong's notification
under Article 11 of the Arrangement as requested in your
letter of 28 February 1989.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest
consideration.

James H. LAU Jr.
Deputy Permanent Representative
Geneva

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Director General		
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A. Agreements/amendments which have been notified to the TSB and circulated to the Textiles Committee

<u>Importing Country</u>	<u>Document</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Austria	(a) COM.TEX/SB/1274	An agreement covering the period 1 February 1987 to 31 January 1990 which was notified to the TSB under TEX.SB/1329.
	(b) COM.TEX/SB/1413	Amendments to the agreement arising from the adoption of the Harmonized System by Austria notified to the TSB under TEX.SB/1477.
	(c) COM.TEX/SB/1461	Amendments to the agreement to convert part of a restrained item into an export authorization item and part of two export authorization items into a restraint item. Notified to the TSB under TEX.SB/1536.
Canada	COM.TEX/SB/1409	An agreement covering the period 1 January 1987 to 31 December 1991 which was notified to the TSB under TEX.SB/1466.
EEC	COM.TEX/SB/1372	An agreement covering the period 1 January 1987 to 31 December 1991 and its subsequent amendments.
Finland	(a) COM.TEX/SB/1246	An agreement covering the period 1 January 1987 to 31 December 1991 together with subsequent amendments, which was notified to the TSB under TEX.SB/1302.
	(b) COM.TEX/SB/1378	Amendments to the agreement arising from the adoption of the Harmonized System by Finland notified to the TSB under TEX.SB/1440.
	(c) COM.TEX/SB/1432	Amendments to the agreement to add one category under the restraint arrangement and one category under the export authorization arrangement notified to the TSB under TEX.SB/1496.

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<u>Importing Country</u>	<u>Document</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Norway	(a) COM.TEX/SB/1346	An agreement covering the period 1 July 1987 to 30 June 1990, which was notified to the TSB under TEX.SB/1409.
	(b) COM.TEX/SB/1465	Amendments to the agreement (1987-1990) in respect of the de-restraint of three restraint items and the abolition of the export authorization arrangement notified to the TSB under TEX.SB/1540.
USA	(a) COM.TEX/SB/1186	A modification and an extension of the HK/US Textiles Agreement (1982-86) notified under COM.TEX/SB/818 and amended by COM.TEX/SB/888, 910, 945, 946, 968, 1026, 1057, 1145 and 1168 to cover the period 1 January 1986 to 31 December 1991.
	(b) COM.TEX/SB/1454	Amendments to the HK/US Textiles Agreement (1986-1991) due to the changes in the US category system for textiles and apparel products related to the adoption of the Harmonized Commodity Code by the US, which were notified to the TSB under TEX.SB/1511.

B. Agreements/amendments which have been notified to the TSB but not yet circulated to the Textiles Committee

Nil

C. Agreements/amendments which have been ratified/initialled but not yet notified to the TSB

<u>Importing Country</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
EEC	(a) Amendments to Annex II of the HK/EEC Textiles Agreement (1987-1991) in respect of the merge of Category 4(S) into Category 4 with effect from 1 January 1988 due to problems arising from the implementation of the said agreement concerning Category 4(S).

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| EEC (Cont'd) | (b) Amendments to the restraint limits of Category 10 set out in Annex II of the HK/EEC Textiles Agreement (1987-1991) with effect from 1 January 1988 due to the transfer of rubberised knitted gloves from Category 67 to Category 10 on the implementation of the Harmonized System. |
| | (c) Amendments to Annex II of the HK/EEC Textiles Agreement (1987-1991) in respect of the restraint limits of Category 7 and Category 78 with effect from 1 January 1988 due to the migration of woven tops with shoulder straps and woven tops without opening from Category 78 to Category 7 on the implementation of the Harmonized System. |
| Sweden | An agreement covering the period 1 September 1987 to 31 August 1992. |
| USA | (a) Amendments to the HK/US Textiles Agreement (1986-1991) in respect of the establishment of limits on three categories (Categories 650, 651, and 314/320 pt) for the 1986 agreement year and the conversion of the categories to specific limit categories commencing 1 January 1987. |
| | (b) Amendments to the Group Limits set out in Annex A of the HK/US Textiles Agreement (1986-1991) due to the revision of US classification arrangements for detachable garment accessories. |
| | (c) Amendments to the HK/US Textiles Agreement (1986-1991) due to the new arrangements for exports of personal shipments and marked commercial samples and the creation of a new specific limit category to cover unaccompanied made-to-measure suits commencing 1 January 1988. |
| | (d) Amendments to the HK/US Textiles Agreement (1986-1991) in respect of the establishment of cotton poplin and broadcloth in Cat. 314/320 pt as a specific limit category in 1986 with a new 1986 specific limit. |

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- (e) Amendments to the HK/US Textiles Agreement (1986-1991) due to the changes in the US category system for textiles and textile products related to the adoption of the Harmonized Commodity Code by the US, involving adjustments to the Group I limit and establishment of Cat. 611 as a specific limit category as from 1 January 1988 and the merging and redesignation of Cat. 337 and Cat. 637 as from 1 January 1989.
- (f) Extension of special flexibility provision to 1989 for certain categories to take account of the changes to the US category system of textiles and textile products related to the adoption of the Harmonized Commodity Code by the US.
- (g) Amendments to the HK/US Textiles Agreement (1986-1991) due to the revised categorization arrangements for cotton knit tops, cotton culottes and cardigan-like garments with slanted pockets.