

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

CONFIDENTIAL

TEX.SB/1566<sup>\*</sup>

1 June 1989

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Textiles Surveillance Body

### ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

#### Notification under Article 4

#### Amendment of the Agreements between Finland and China

#### Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from Finland of a further amendment of its agreement with China. Categories 8 and 9 previously restrained for the 1988 agreement year, have been merged and the restraint extended for the period 1 January 1989 to 31 December 1990.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>The bilateral agreement (transmitted under Articles 7 and 8) and a previous amendment are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1251 and 1433.

<sup>\*</sup>English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente

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Geneva, 12 May 1989

No. 2314

Dear Ambassador Raffaelli,

With reference to Article 4 of the Agreement 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, concerning the Agreement relating to trade in textile products between Finland and China, and to my communication of 20 July 1988 to you, Sir, concerning the amendments to the said Agreement, I have the honour to notify the Textiles Surveillance Body of the Agreed Minutes, signed on 20 April 1989, amending the Agreement signed between the Government of Finland and the Government of China on 19 November 1986.

The amendments mentioned above were in force from 1 January 1988 to 31 December 1988 covering men's and boys' anoraks, wind-cheaters etc. (Category VIII of the Annex of the Agreement) and women's and girls' overcoats, car-coats etc. (Category IX of the Annex of the Agreement). It has now been agreed to combine the previous Categories VIII and IX to one Category VIII, the quantities set out being in force for 1.1.1989-31.12.1990.

Ambassador Marcello Raffaelli  
Chairman  
Textiles Surveillance Body  
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The agreed enlargement of the existing Agreement is based on Article 4 of the Agreed Minutes of 20 May 1988 between Finland and China, as well as on the rapidly growing imports of the products in question from China to Finland. The products wholly or mainly by wool were excluded from the Agreement. Flexibilities (Carry forward, carryover, swing) are applied.

The production volume of the Finnish clothing industry declined by 12 per cent in the year 1988. The economic situation of the firms producing products in the new Category VIII weakened considerably leading to a high number of bankruptcies. The employment situation weakened by 13.5. per cent.

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

Annex

Agreed Minutes done in Beijing on 20 April 1989

## AGREED MINUTES

Consultations were held between delegations of the Government of Finland and the Government of the People's Republic of China on April 18-20, 1989 in Beijing concerning imports of textiles from China to Finland. These consultations were held upon the request of the Finnish Government and based on article 10 of the Agreement relating to trade in textile products between the Republic of Finland and the People's Republic of China (hereafter referred to as "the Agreement") and the relevant provisions of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles as extended by the Protocol of July 31, 1986.

The following amendments to the Agreement shall enter into force on May 1, 1989. The provisions in paragraph 3 will, however, be applied as appropriate from the day of signature of these Agreed Minutes.

1. China agrees that exports to Finland of the textile products specified in the Annex to these Agreed Minutes will be kept within the quantities set out in the above mentioned Annex for the period of 1.1.1989-31.12.1990.

2. As of May 1, 1989 China shall issue export licenses according to the procedure set out in article 5 of the Agreement for the products specified in the Annex to these Agreed Minutes.

3. Finland shall admit imports of the textile products of Chinese origin specified in the Annex to these Agreed Minutes to the quantities set out therein provided that such imports into Finland are covered by an export license referred to in paragraph 2 above. The Finnish Board of Customs will provide China with monthly statistics of imports of the products concerned, in order to form a statistical basis which is necessary for keeping within the quantities set out in the Annex to these Agreed Minutes for the product category.

4. Notwithstanding the quantities set out in the Annex to these Agreed Minutes, Finland will admit, as an element of flexibility, imports of the category of products set out in the Annex to these Agreed Minutes in accordance with the flexibility provisions contained in paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Agreement.

5. The description and identification of the products specified in the Annex to these Agreed Minutes are based on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System.

6. The Annex to these Agreed Minutes shall be included in the Agreement as Annex IV.

Done in Beijing on April 20, 1989 in two English originals.

For the Delegation of  
the Republic of Finland

Erik Hagfors

For the Delegation of  
the People's Republic of China

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## ANNEX

CAT.	Tariff classification; the subheadings serve for indicative purposes only	Description	Unit	Quantity		Conversion factor — pcs/kg
				1.1.-31.12.1989	1.1.-31.12.1990	
VIII	62.01.92.00	Men's and boys' anoraks	pieces	999.999	1.039.999	1.21
	62.01.93.00	(incl. ski-jackets), wind-				
	62.02.12.00	cheaters, windjackets and				
	62.02.13.00	similar articles, jackets				
	62.02.92.00	and blazers				
	62.02.93.00	and				
	62.03.32.00	women's and girls' over-				
	62.03.33.00	coats, carcoats, capes,				
ex	62.03.39.00	cloaks, anoraks (incl.				
	62.04.32.00	ski-jackets), wind-cheaters,				
	62.04.33.00	windjackets and similar				
ex	62.04.39.00	articles and jackets of				
		cotton and man-made fibres				