

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

CONFIDENTIAL

TEX.SB/1658\*

23 July 1990

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

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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 11<sup>1</sup>

#### HONG KONG

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.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>See COM.TEX/SB/1542

<sup>2</sup>The previous report is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1489/Add.6

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In response to your letter of 30 April 1990 inviting the submission of information from participating countries on restrictions maintained by them on textile products covered by the Arrangement, I wish to inform you that Hong Kong maintains no restrictions except on exports covered by bilateral agreements entered into between Hong Kong and certain importing countries under the provisions of the MFA. A schedule of such bilateral agreements and relevant amendments is enclosed.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

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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	COM.TEX/SB/1534	An agreement covering the period 1 February 1990 to 31 January 1993, which was notified to the TSB under TEX.SB/1637.
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.
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.

<u>Importing Country</u>	<u>Document</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
	(c) COM.TEX/SB/1507	Amendments to the HK/US Textiles Agreement (1986-1991) due to the changes in the United States category system, for textiles and textile products related to the adoption of the Harmonized Commodity Code by the United States, involving the replacement of Categories 337 and 637 by new Category 237.

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

<u>Importing Country</u>	<u>Document</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Sweden	TEX.SB/1650	An agreement covering the period 1 September 1987 to 31 August 1992.

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

<u>Importing Country</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
EEC	<p>(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).</p> <p>(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 rubberized knitted gloves from Category 67 to Category 10 on the implementation of the Harmonized System.</p> <p>(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.</p>

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- (d) Amendments to Annex II of the HK/EEC Textiles Agreement (1987-1991) in respect of the restraint limits of Categories 4, 5, 7 and 83 for 1989, 1990 and 1991 due to the migration of short knitted garments with ribbing at the bottom from Categories 4, 7 and 83 to Category 5 on the implementation of the Harmonized System.
- (e) Amendments to Annex II of the HK/EEC Textiles Agreement (1987-1991) in respect of the restraint limits of Categories 5, 73 and 74 for 1989, 1990 and 1991 due to the migration of track suits from Categories 5, 28, 74 and 75 to Category 73 on the implementation of the Harmonized System.
- (f) Amendments to Annex II of the HK/EEC Textiles Agreement (1987-1991) in respect of the restraint limits of Categories 27 and 78 for 1990 and 1991 due to the migration of woven pinafore dresses from Category 78 to Category 27 as skirts.

Norway      An agreement covering the period 1 July 1990 to 30 June 1992.

Sweden      Amendments to the HK/Sweden Textiles Agreement (1987-1992) to derestrain part of a restraint category to be put under the export authorization arrangement and to merge the remaining part with other restraint categories.

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 314/320pt) 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 United States 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 Category 314/320pt 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 United States category system for textiles and textile products related to the adoption of the Harmonized Commodity Code by the United States, involving adjustments to the Group I limit and establishment of Category 611 as a specific limit category as from 1 January 1988.
- (f) Amendments to the HK/US Textiles Agreement (1986-1991) in respect of the revised method for calculating the minimum export level of certain categories subject to the export authorization arrangement.
- (g) Amendments to the HK/US Textiles Agreement (1986-1991) due to the changes in the United States category system for textiles and textile products related to the adoption of the Harmonized Commodity Code by the United States, involving adjustment of the swing provision in respect of Category 239; and the merging of Category 218 with the combined Category 225/317/326 and creation of a sublimit for Category 218(1) from 1 January 1990.
- (h) Amendments to the HK/US Textiles Agreement (1986-1991) due to the extension of special flexibility provision to 1989 for certain categories to take account of the changes to the United States category system of textiles and textile products related to the adoption of the Harmonized Commodity Code by the United States.
- (i) 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.
- (j) Permanent transfer of yardage for certain categories in relation to the special flexibility provision to take account of the changes to the United States category system of textiles and textile products related to the adoption of the Harmonized Commodity Code by the United States.