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TARIFFS AND TRADE

Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Extension and amendment of the bilateral agreement between Norway and China

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from Norway of an extension with amendments of its agreement with China for the period 1 January 1992 to 31 December 1993.¹

¹The bilateral agreement, previous extension and amendments are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1480, 1588 and 1702.

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Dear Mr. Ambassador,

Pursuant to Article 4:4 of the Arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles as extended by the 1986 and 1991 Protocols, I am pleased to notify the Textiles Surveillance Body of certain amendments of the current bilateral textile Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Norway and the Government of the People's Republic of the China.

The agreement has been extended to 31 December 1993.

The restraint for one category, category 5, has been abolished.

One new products category, category 70, netting and nets, has been covered and restrained at 14 000 kg. The restraint has been agreed to avoid market disruption or risks thereof in Norway, while ensuring an orderly development of exports to Norway from China.

Imports of category 70 products from China have developed as follows:

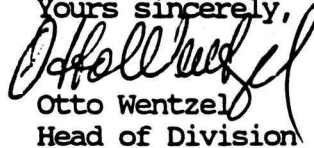
1989.....	4679 kg
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1991.....	10320 kg

The annual growth rate for netting and nets was agreed at 3 %. Swing is available at 3 %. Carryover and carryforward are set at 10 % and 5 % respectively. With respect to growth and flexibility provisions, reference is made to Article 1, Paragraph 2 and Annex B, Paragraph 2 of the Arrangement.

For 1992, certain uplifts have been agreed for the remaining categories. Annual growth rates for two categories (categories 2 and 7) have been increased from 2 % to 3 %. Swing has been increased from 2 % to 3 % for category 1. Carryover and carryforward, previously set at 8 % and 4 %, are now 10 % and 5 %.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Agreed Minutes from the consultations between the two parties.

Yours sincerely,



Otto Wentzel
Head of Division


Copy: Permanent Delegation of Norway,
Geneva

A G R E E D M I N U T E S

1. Delegations from the Government of the Kingdom of Norway and the Government of the People's Republic of China met in Oslo on 13 - 15 May 1992 for consultations in accordance with Article 14 of the Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Norway and the Government of the People's Republic of China relating to the exports from China of certain textile products for imports into Norway, signed at Beijing on 26 January 1989.

2. As a result of these consultations it was agreed to initial the enclosed amendments to the Textile Agreement as previously amended.

Oslo, 15 May 1992


Head of the Norwegian
Delegation


Head of the Chinese
Delegation

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA RELATING TO THE EXPORTS FROM CHINA OF CERTAIN TEXTILE PRODUCTS FOR IMPORTS INTO NORWAY, SIGNED AT BEIJING ON 26 JANUARY 1989.

I The Government of the Kingdom of Norway and the Government of ~~the~~ People's Republic of China have agreed to the following amendments to the Textile Agreement:

- (i) in Article 2, after "as extended by the Protocol of 31.7.1986" add "and as further extended by the Protocol of 31.7.1991".
- (ii) in Article 3, first line, delete "3 years" and replace it with "5 years".
- (iii) in Article 3, second line, delete "1991" and replace it with "1993".
- (iv) after the first paragraph of Article 14, add the following text:
"Upon the completion of the Uruguay Round, or upon the expiry of the MFA, whichever comes earlier, the Government of Norway and the Government of China agree to consult at the request of either Government, on the desirability of modifications to the Agreement as amended."
- (v) replace the existing Annex A on product coverage, with the attached Annex A.
- (vi) replace the existing Annex B on restraints, with the attached Annex B.

II These amendments will take effect as of 1 January 1992.

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ANNEX A

PRODUCT CATEGORIES COVERED BY THE AGREEMENT

Category		
Number	Unit	Description
1.	Pieces	Outer garments of woven material, men's, boys', women's, girls': - Jackets, tailored jackets, blazers, waistcoats, sports jackets (including parts of ski suits), anoraks and similar garments, parkas, one-piece suits, and the like, also as parts of suits, sets and costumes (boys and girls with height above 152 cm).
2.	Pieces	Outer garments of woven material, men's, boys', women's, girls': - Trousers, slacks, jeans, breeches, and the like (including bib and brace overalls), other than swimwear and shorts, also as parts of suits and sets (boys and girls with height above 152 cm).
7.	Kgs	Bed linen.
70.	Kgs	Knotted netting, made up fishing nets, other made up nets, and the like.

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ANNEX B

(a) Cat. No.	(b) Restraint level 1 Jan- 31 Dec. 1992	(c) Annual Growth Rate Percen- tages	(d) Carry- over Percen- tages	(e) Carry- forward Percen- tages	(f) Swing Percen- tages	(h) Conver- sion Factor unit pr. kg
1	145 000 Pieces	3	10	5	3	1,2
2	150 000 Pieces	3	10	5	3	1,2
7	50 000 Kgs	3	10	5	3	1,0
70	14 000 Kgs	3	10	5	3	1,0

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