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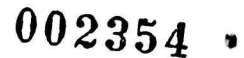
Extension and amendment of the bilateral agreement between the EEC and the Republic of Singapore

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the EEC of an extension with amendments of its agreement, initialled with Singapore for the period 1 January 1993 to 31 December 1994, with the possibility for a further twelve-month extension.

¹The bilateral agreement, amendment and a previous extension are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1270, 1692 and 1710.

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IN THE FORM OF EXCHANGE OF LETTERS AMENDING THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND THE REPUBLIC OF
SINGAPORE ON TRADE IN TEXTILE PRODUCTS

Initialled at Brussels, 26 November 1992

Cheng King Hong
26/11/92

[Signature]
26/November/92

AGREEMENT

in the form of Exchange of Letters amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Singapore on trade in textile products

Letter Number One

Sir,

1. I have the honour to refer to the consultations held on 23 to 26 November 1992 between our respective delegations for the purpose of amending the Agreement on trade in textile products between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Singapore applied since 1 January 1987, as extended by the Exchange of Letters applied since 1 January 1992 (hereinafter "the Agreement").
2. As a result of these consultations, both Parties agreed to amend the following provisions of the Agreement :
 - 2.1. Annex I, Annex II and the Annex to Protocol "E" which set out the products concerned by the Agreement, the quantitative restrictions for exports and the OPT operations respectively, from the Republic of Singapore to the European Economic Community, are replaced for the period 1 January 1993 to 31 December 1994 by Appendix 1, Appendix 2 and Appendix 3 to this letter, respectively.
 - 2.2. Article 8, paragraph 6 and Protocol C of the Agreement are deleted.



2.3. Paragraph 2 of Article 9 is replaced by the following text :

" The information referred to in paragraph 1 shall, for all categories of products, be forwarded before the end of the month following the month to which the statistics relate."

2.4. Article 12 is replaced by the following text :

"1. The quantitative limits established under this Agreement on imports into the Community of textile products of Singapore origin will not be broken down by the Community into regional shares.

2. The Parties shall cooperate in order to prevent sudden and prejudicial changes in traditional trade flows resulting in regional concentration of direct imports into the Community.

3. Singapore shall monitor its exports of products under restraint or surveillance into the Community. Should a sudden and prejudicial change in traditional trade flows arise, the Community will be entitled to request consultations in order to find a satisfactory solution to those problems. Such consultations must be held within fifteen working days of their being requested by the Community.

4. Singapore shall endeavour to ensure that exports of textile products subject to quantitative limits into the Community are spaced out as evenly as possible over the year due account being taken in particular of seasonal factors."

2.5. Article 14 and all references to this Article in the Agreement are deleted.

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- 2.6. The following phrase is added at the beginning of paragraph 1 of Article 16.

" 1. Save where it is otherwise provided for in this Agreement, ..."

- 2.7. The second sentence of Article 18, paragraph 1, is replaced by the following text :

" It shall be applicable until 31 December 1994. Thereafter, the application of all the provisions of this Agreement shall be extended automatically for a period of one more year up to 31 December 1995, unless either Party notifies the other at least six months before 31 December 1994 that it does not agree with this extension. However, if the Agreement on trade in textiles and clothing products resulting from the Uruguay Round GATT trade negotiations is concluded and enters into force at an earlier date, this Agreement shall be automatically terminated as of the date agreed for the implementation of the results of the Uruguay Round GATT trade negotiations."

- 2.8. The first sentence of paragraph 1 of Article 6 of Protocol A is replaced by the following text :

" 1. The export licence or export certificate shall conform to the model annexed to this Protocol and it shall be valid for exports throughout the customs territory to which the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community is applied. However, where the Community has made recourse to the provisions of Article 8 in accordance with the provisions of the Agreed Minute N° 1, or to the Agreed Minute N° 2, the textile products covered by the export licences or export certificates can only be put into free circulation in the region(s) of the Community indicated in those licences or certificates."

2.9. The second indent of Article 11, paragraph 1, of Protocol A to the Agreement is replaced by the following text :

" The import authorisations shall be valid for six months from the date of their issue for imports throughout the customs territory to which the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community is applied. However, where the Community has recourse to the provisions of Article 8 in accordance with the provisions of the Agreed Minute N° 1, or to the Agreed Minute N° 2, the products covered by the import licences can only be put into free circulation in the region(s) of the Community indicated in those licences."

2.10. The second and fifth indents of Article 13, paragraph 2, of Protocol A are replaced by the following text :

" - two letters identifying the intended Member State of customs clearance as follows :

BL = Belgium
DE = Germany
DK = Denmark
EL = Greece
ES = Spain
FR = France
GB = United Kingdom
IE = Ireland
IT = Italy
PT = Portugal"

" - a five-digit number running consecutively from 00001 to 99999 allocated to the intended Member State of customs clearance."

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- 2.11. Paragraph 3 (b) of Protocol E to the Agreement is deleted.
- 2.12. Agreed Minute N° 1 set out in Appendix 4 to this letter shall form an integral part of the Agreement.
- 2.13. Agreed Minute N° 2 set out in Appendix 5 to this letter shall form an integral part of the Agreement.
- 2.14. Agreed Minute N° 3 set out in Appendix 6 to this letter shall form an integral part of the Agreement.
- 2.15. Agreed Minute N° 4 set out in Appendix 7 to this letter shall form an integral part of the Agreement.

- 3. The Parties agreed that this Agreement in the form of Exchange of Letters shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the day on which the Parties have notified each other that the legal procedures necessary to this end have been completed.

The Parties also agreed that this Agreement in the form of Exchange of Letters and the amendments hereby to the Agreement of 1987, as extended, shall be applied provisionally from 1 January 1993.

- 4. I should be obliged if you kindly confirm the acceptance of your Government of the foregoing.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

For the Council
of the European Communities



APPENDIX 2ANNEX 11

(The full product descriptions of the categories listed in this annex
are to be found in Annex I of the Agreement)

COMMUNITY QUANTITATIVE LIMITS

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>
2	Tonnes	3.503	3.608	3.716
of which 2 a)	Tonnes	1.728	1.780	1.834
3	Tonnes	853	895	940
4	1.000 pieces	18.176	18.903	19.659
5	1.000 pieces	10.554	10.976	11.415
6	1.000 pieces	10.526	11.000	11.495
7	1.000 pieces	9.121	9.486	9.865
8	1.000 pieces	6.205	6.453	6.647

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APPENDIX 3ANNEX TO PROTOCOL E

(The product descriptions of the categories listed in this annex
are to be found in Annex I of the Agreement)

OPT QUOTASYEAR : 1992COMMUNITY QUANTITATIVE LIMITS

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>
7	1.000 pieces	425	451	478

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AGREED MINUTE N° 1

In the context of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Singapore on trade in textile and clothing products, initialled on 26 November 1992, the Parties agreed that Article 8 of the Agreement does not preclude the Community, if the conditions are fulfilled, from applying the safeguard measures for one or more of its regions in conformity with the principles of the internal market.

In such an event, Singapore shall be informed in advance of the relevant provisions of Protocol A of the Agreement to be applied, as appropriate.

For the Government of the
Republic of Singapore

For the Council of the
European Economic Community



AGREED MINUTE N° 2

Notwithstanding Article 12 paragraph 1 of this Agreement, for imperative technical or administrative reasons or to find a solution to economic problems resulting from regional concentration of imports, or in order to combat circumvention and fraud of the provisions of this Agreement, the Community will establish for a limited period of time a specific management system in conformity with the principles of the Internal Market.

However, if the parties are unable to reach a satisfactory solution during the consultations provided for in Article 12 paragraph 3, the Community may also introduce temporary limits for one or more of its regions. In such a case, these limits shall not preclude the importation into the region(s) concerned of products which were shipped from Singapore on the basis of export licences obtained before the date of formal notification to Singapore by the Community about the introduction of the above limits.

The Community shall inform Singapore of the technical and administrative measures such as defined in the attached Note Verbale that need to be introduced by both Parties in order to implement the above paragraphs in conformity with the principles of the Internal Market.

For the Government of the
Republic of Singapore

For the Council of the
European Economic Community



Appendix 6AGREED MINUTE N° 3

In the context of the agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Singapore on trade in textile and clothing products, initialled in Brussels on 26 November 1992, the Parties agreed that Singapore shall endeavour not to deprive certain regions of the Community which have traditionally had relatively small shares of Community quotas of imports of products serving as inputs for their processing industry.

The Community and Singapore further agreed to hold consultations, should the need arise, in order to avert any problems which might occur in this respect.

The Parties agreed that this Agreed Minute replaces the corresponding Agreed Minute of the Agreement on this subject.

For the Government of the
Republic of Singapore

For the Council of the
European Economic Community



Appendix 7AGREED MINUTE N° 4

In the context of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Singapore on trade in textile and clothing products, applied since 1 January 1987, as extended by the Exchange of Letters initialled on 25 October 1991 and further extended by the Exchange of Letters initialled on 26 November 1992, Singapore agreed that, from the date of request for and pending the consultations referred to in Article 12 paragraph 3, it shall cooperate by not issuing export licences that would further aggravate the problems resulting from the regional concentration of direct imports into the Community.

For the Government of the
Republic of Singapore

For the Council of the
European Economic Community

