GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Extension and amendment of the agreement between Norway and Hong Kong

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from Norway of an extension with amendments of its agreement with Hong Kong for the period 1 January 1994 to 31 December 1995.

¹The agreement and a previous extension are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1577 and 1761.

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Inquiries to

Otto Wentzel

Our date

Our reference

12.04.1994

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Your date

Your reference

H.E. Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli, Chairman Textiles Surveillance Body, GATT, Centre William Rappard, Rue de Lausanne 154, CH-1211 GENEVA 21

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

Pursuant to Article 4:4 of the Arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles as extended, I am pleased to notify the Textiles Surveillance Body of certain amendments of the current bilateral textile agreement between the Governments of the Kingdom of Norway and Hong Kong.

The Agreement has been extended by two years to 31 December 1995. The Agreement will be terminated automatically as of the implementation date of the Uruguay Round.

The Agreement has furthermore been changed in respect of the following elements:

- base level for one category has been increased by substantially more than 6% and increased by more than the applicable annual growth rate for two categories,
- annual growth rates for two categories have been increased, from 1% to 1,2%,
- swing has been improved, from 1 3% to 5%.

Yours, sincerely

Head of Division

Enclosure

C.c.: - Permanent Delegation of Norway, Geneva

AGREED MINUTES

- 1. Delegations from the Government of the Kingdom of Norway and the Government of Hong Kong met in Oslo on 13 15 October 1993 for consultations in accordance with Article 14 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Kingdom of Norway and the Government of Hong Kong relating to the exports from Hong Kong of certain textile products for import into Norway, signed at Hong Kong on 24 June 1992.
- 2. As a result of these consultations it was agreed to initial ad referendum the enclosed amendments to the MOU.

Oslo, 15 October 1993

Head of the Norwegian

Delegation

Head of the Hong Kong

Delegation

AMENDMENTS TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG RELATING TO THE EXPORTS FROM HONG KONG OF CERTAIN TEXTILE PRODUCTS FOR IMPORT INTO NORWAY, SIGNED AT HONG KONG ON 24 JUNE 1992.

- I The Government of the Kingdom of Norway and the Government of Hong Kong have agreed to the following amendments to the MOU:
- (i) In Article 2, after "as further extended by the Protocol of 31.7.1991", add: "and the Protocol of 9.12.1992".
- (ii) In Article 6, replace "(1.7.1992 31.12.1993)" by (1.7.1992 31.12.1995)".
- (iii) In Article 8 (b), replace the first sentence by: "During each restraint period of this MOU, the Hong Kong Government may, after prior notification to the Government of the Kingdom of Norway, approve the export of amounts in excess of the levels specified in Annex B to this MOU up to the percentages set out in Annex B under column (e), computed on the basis of the levels for the current restraint period."
- (iv) In Article 8 (c), replace the first sentence by: "During each restraint period of this MOU, the Hong Kong Government may approve the export of amounts in excess of the levels specified in Annex B to this MOU up to the percentages set out in Annex B under column (f), computed on the basis of the levels for the current restraint period."
- (v) In Article 11, replace "the eighteen month" by "each".
- (vi) In Article 13 (a), fourth line, delete "eighteen month", and in the seventh line replace "the eighteen month" by "a".
- (vii) In Article 14 (a), add at the end of the Article:
 "or of any successor arrangement".

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(viii) Replace Article 16 by the following text:

"16. The present MOU shall apply for the period 1 July 1992 - 31 December 1995, unless this is changed by application of the provisions of paragraph 17 of this MOU. 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 MOU shall be automatically terminated as of that date."

(ix) Supplement the existing Annex B on restraints as follows:

(a)	(p)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
	Restraint level	Annual Growth rate	Carry- over	Carry- forward	Swing	Conversion factor
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7	47 000 kgs	. 3,0	10	5	5	11 esy/kg

- (x) Replace Annex D with the attached Annex D.
- II These amendments take effect as of 1 January 1994.

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For the Government of the Kingdom of Norway

For the Government of Hong Kong



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