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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Agreement between Sweden and Singapore

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from Sweden concerning a new bilateral agreement concluded under Article 4 of the MFA with Singapore.¹ The agreement is valid from 1 December 1981 to 30 November 1983.

¹ The previous agreement with Singapore is contained in COM.TEX/SB/629.

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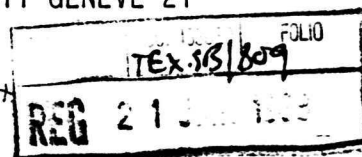
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Geneva, January 20, 1983

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Dear Mr. Ambassador,

I am notifying to the Textiles Surveillance Body an agreement concerning trade in textiles between Singapore and Sweden. The validity of the agreement ends on 30 November 1983.

This agreement has been reached for the purpose of eliminating real risks of market disruption in Sweden, while ensuring an orderly development of textile exports from Singapore to Sweden and is being notified with reference to Article 4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles.

The comprehensive approach in this, as well as in other Swedish textiles agreements, has been made necessary by the deteriorating situation in whole segments of the Swedish textile industry and by the real risks of market disruption which, according to past experience, an agreement covering only certain sensitive products would present in a country like Sweden.

This agreement is based on a categorization into the following groups, comprising the most sensitive textile products within CCCN (BTN) chapters 60-62:

- I Stockings, understockings, socks, ankle socks, sockettes and the like, knitted or crocheted, other than ladies' stockings of continuous synthetic fibres
- II Shirts
- III Night garments
- IV Underwear, knitted or crocheted, other than shirts, night garments and tights
- V Sweaters, pullovers, slipovers, jumpers and cardigans etc, knitted or crocheted
- VI Overcoats and jackets
- VII Suits, lounge coats and blazers
- VIII Trousers other than shorts
- IX Costumes, dresses and skirts
- X Blouses

- XI Clothing included in Commodity List No. 28, other than elsewhere specified

(Note: Commodity List 28 refers to textile products under the import licence surveillance system in Sweden. It is annexed to this letter.)

- XII Travelling rugs and blankets

- XIII Bed linen

- XIV Towels and similar articles

In this agreement with Singapore separate restraint levels have been established for the above groups I, II, IV, V, VI, VIII, IX, X and XI c (shorts), whereas the remaining items have been merged into a common rest group, which should make a fair amount of flexibility possible. It can also be noted that most of the specific groups have a wide product coverage, which should work in the same direction. The absence of swing between the restraint groups is a reflection of a mutual recognition of the minimum viable production principle. No textiles under CCCN chapters 50-59 are subject to restraint in the present agreement.

The agreement hereby notified to the Textiles Surveillance Body has the same product coverage as the previous agreement with Singapore, which expired on November 30, 1981 (cf.doc. COM.TEX/SB/629). The restraint groups are also the same as in the old agreement, with the exception that group XI c (shorts) has been taken out of the rest group and now forms a separate group. The restraint level of 89,500 pieces for this item exceeds the import reference figure by 500 pieces (reference period August 1, 1980 to July 31, 1981). The previous rest group which amounted to 95.1 tons has been reduced by 10.6 tons. The new group XI c corresponds to 12.1 tons, but a net increase of 1.5 tons of the rest group has been agreed upon between Singapore and Sweden. Moreover, a sub-level within the rest group has been agreed upon for protective and work clothing, rain-suits and coveralls, including sets of such garments (group A), the figure for this sub-level being 50 tons.

The annual restraint levels of the specific groups in the old agreement and the corresponding restraint levels in the new agreement are shown in the following table:

		<u>Previous Agreement</u>	<u>New Agreement</u>	
			<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>
I	(pairs)	384,000	388,225	392,495
II	(pcs)	617,000	624,000	631,051
IV+V	(--)	1,182,000	1,194,000	1,206,179
VI	(--)	122,000	123,590	125,197
VIII	(--)	501,000	506,000	511,009
IX	(--)	168,500	171,000	173,531
X	(--)	452,000	457,000	462,027

The difficult situation of the Swedish textile industry has become further aggravated. A continued decrease of domestic production has taken place. Further factories have had to close down. It should be recalled that Sweden is the country which has the highest import penetration in the world when it comes to textiles and the highest per capita import of clothing from developing countries.

For Sweden, which is a small market, with an exceptionally high level of imports and a low domestic production, the maintenance of a minimum viable production of textiles is of vital importance.

Yours sincerely,



Hans V. Ewerlöf
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annexes as stated

SWEDISH BOARD OF COMMERCE

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(This is not
a part of
the agreement)

Garments and made up textile articles included in Commodity list No 28

SWEDISH CCC No

Description

60.03.003-109, 902-909

Stockings, under stockings, socks, ankle-socks, sockettes and the like other than ladies' stockings of continuous synthetic fibres, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberised

60.04.all

Under garments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberised

60.05.all

Outer garments and other articles, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberised

61.01.all

Men's and boys' outer garments

61.02.all

Women's, girls' and infants' outer garments

61.03.all

Men's and boys' under garments

61.04.all

Women's, girls' and infants' under garments

61.09.102-209

Corsets, corset-belts, suspenders, garters and brassières (including such articles of knitted or crocheted fabric)

62.01.all

Travelling rugs and blankets

62.02.all

Bed linen, table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen; curtains and other furnishing articles

62.04.210-290

Sails

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN REGARDING EXPORTS OF
CERTAIN TEXTILE PRODUCTS FROM SINGAPORE TO SWEDEN

Article 1

The following Agreement has been reached on the basis of the Arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles, particularly Article 1:2 and Article 4 thereof, and the provisions of GATT document COM.TEX/W/47.

Article 2

The Agreement shall apply for the periods specified in Annex I.

Article 3

- (a) The Agreement shall apply to exports from Singapore to Sweden of the textile products described in Annex I hereof of cotton, wool, man-made fibres, or blend thereof, in which any or all of those fibres in combination represent either the chief value of the fibres or 50 per cent or more by weight (or 17 per cent or more by weight of wool).
- (b) This Agreement shall also apply to the products described in Annex I hereof, which are manufactured from impregnated fabrics as defined in (c).
- (c) Fabrics of cotton, wool or man-made fibres or any blend containing one or more of those fibres in which either wool represents 17 per cent or more by weight or any or all of those fibres in combination represent 50 per cent or more by weight

of the unfinished fabric shall be defined as "impregnated fabrics" where those fabric have been impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with preparations of cellulose derivatives or of other artificial plastic materials whatever the nature of the plastic material (compact, foam, sponge or expanded).

- The definition does not cover:
- Fabrics which, after impregnation, coating, covering or laminating, cannot, without fracturing, be bent manually around a cylinder of a diameter of 7 mm at a temperature between 15°C and 30°C. Fabrics either completely embedded in artificial plastic material or coated or covered on both sides with such material.

Article 4

The Government of Singapore will limit exports from Singapore to Sweden of the textile products listed in Annex I to the levels/sublevels set out in that Annex. The date of issue of shipping documents is considered to be the date of exportation.

Article 5

In addition to the flexibility incorporated in the Groups in Annex I hereof, the following provisions shall apply:-

- (a) If in the period 1 Dec 1980 to 30 November 1981, exports from Singapore to Sweden of the products covered by the Agreement of 22 November 1979 are less than the corresponding levels/sublevels as specified in column (f) of the Annex thereto, the



the Government of Singapore may, after consultation with the Government of Sweden, during the period 1 December 1981 to 30 November 1982 approve the export of additional amounts (carryover) equivalent to such shortfalls provided that such exports -

- i) are in the same Groups/subgroups where the shortfalls occurred;
 - ii) do not exceed 5 per cent of the level/sublevels of these Groups specified in the Agreement of 22 November 1979.
- (b) If in the period 1 December 1981 to 30 November 1982 exports from Singapore to Sweden of the products covered by specific levels/sublevels in Annex I to this Agreement are less than the corresponding levels specified in column (e) of that Annex, the Government of Singapore may, after consultation with the Government of Sweden, for the period 1 December 1982 to 30 November 1983 approve the export of additional amounts (carry-over) equivalent to such shortfalls provided that such exports -
- i) are in the same Groups/subgroups where the shortfalls occurred;
 - ii) do not exceed 5 per cent of the levels/sublevels set out in column (e) of Annex I to this Agreement.



(c) During the period 1 December 1981 to 30 November 1982 the Government of Singapore, after informing the Government of Sweden the details of computation, may approve the export of amounts in excess of the levels/sublevels set out in column (e) of Annex I to this Agreement up to 5 percent of those levels (carry forward). Carry forward to Groups IV and V shall not exceed 5 per cent of the aggregate level for these Groups, of which no more than 40 per cent may be utilized for Group IV and no more than 80 per cent may be utilized for Group V. Where the specific levels/sublevels are increased by carry forward the Government of Singapore shall inform the Government of Sweden of the carry forward quantities and debit these to the corresponding levels/sublevels for the period 1 December 1982 to 30 November 1983 set out in column (f) of Annex I to this Agreement.

(d) During the period 1 December 1982 to 30 November 1983 the Government of Singapore, after informing the Government of Sweden the details of computation, may approve the export of amounts in excess of the levels/sublevels set out in column (f) of Annex I to this Agreement up to 5 percent of those levels (carry forward). Carry forward to Groups IV and V shall not exceed 5 per cent of the aggregate level for these Groups, of which no more than 40 per cent may be utilized for Group IV and no more than 80 per cent may be utilized for Group V. Where the specific levels/sublevels are increased by carry forward the Government of Singapore shall inform the Government of Sweden of



the Carry forward quantities and debit these to any corresponding levels/sublevels that may be agreed for a subsequent restraint period.



- (e) During each restraint period specified in Annex I, the additional export quantities covered by carry over and carry forward taken together shall, for each Group/subgroup, not exceed 5 per cent of the respective agreed levels/sublevels.

Article 6

The Government of Sweden will admit imports of the textile products of Singapore origin, listed in Annex I, only when such products are covered by a certificate of origin as per specimen in Annex II. Such a document shall be issued by the Certificate of Origin Office of the Controller of Imports and Exports, Singapore, be consecutively numbered, state the group number and bear an endorsement by the Department of Trade of the Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore, that the consignments concerned have been approved and debited to the agreed limit for exports to Sweden for the relevant period.

Article 7

If the information available to the Swedish authorities shows that the quantitative limit for the category of products specified in a Certificate of Origin has already been reached or the unused portion of that limit is insufficient to cover the goods specified in the certificate, the said authorities shall, as soon as possible, inform the Government of Singapore and if the latter does not give a satisfactory reply within 15 days, the Government of Sweden may refuse to admit any quantity in excess of the quantitative limit.



Article 8

Both parties regard it as essential that exports from Singapore to Sweden of the textile products listed in Annex I are evenly spaced throughout the period of agreement and that, in the allocation of quotas, due consideration is given to traditional patterns of trade. Accordingly, the Government of Singapore undertakes to provide a procedure to achieve this.



Article 9

The Government of Singapore will forward to the Government of Sweden, via the Embassy of Sweden in Singapore, monthly statistics on a cumulative basis of the quantities of the Groups I, II, IV, V, VI, VIII, IX, X, XIc, A and of the weight of the "rest group", listed in Annex I, for which duly endorsed certificates of origin for export to Sweden have been issued for the relevant period of agreement. The statistics shall reach the Government of Sweden within a period of two months from the month under reference.

The Government of Sweden will provide the Government of Singapore with monthly statistics on a cumulative basis of imports from the Republic of Singapore of the products listed in Annex I.

Article 10

The Government of Sweden and the Government of Singapore agree to consult each other, at the request of either party, when any problem arises from the implementation of this Agreement. The Government of Sweden and the Government of Singapore agree furthermore to enter into consultations on the prolongation, modification or removal of the limitations before the end of the period of the Agreement. If consultations do not result, within a reasonable period of time in a mutually satisfactory solution and the removal or modification of the limitations would result in serious damage



to its domestic producers of like or directly competitive products, the Government of Sweden may apply limitations to the extent and for such time as may be found necessary.

Article 11

The two Annexes to this Agreement shall be considered as integral part of it.

Article 12

This Agreement is concluded for a period of two years. Either Government may, however, at any time terminate this Agreement provided that at least ninety days' notice is given. In such event the Agreement shall come to an end on the expiry of the period of notice.

Article 13

This Agreement has been drawn up in two copies in the English language, each of those being equally authentic.

Geneva
Done in ~~Singapore~~ on the 24th day of November 1981.


FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
SINGAPORE

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
SWEDEN


EXPORTS OF CERTAIN TEXTILES FROM SINGAPORE TO SWEDEN OF WOOL, COTTON, MAN-MADE FIBRES OR BLEND THEREOF
(SEE ARTICLE 3 OF THE AGREEMENT)

(a) Group No	(b) Ex Swedish Tariff Classification No	(c) Description	(d) Unit	(e) Level for period 1.12.81 - 30.11.82	(f) Level for period 1.12.82 - 30.11.83
I	60.03.00-, 10-, 90-	Stockings, under stockings, socks, ankle socks, sockettes and the like, knitted or crocheted, <u>other than ladies' stockings of continuous synthetic fibres</u>	Pairs	388,225	392,495
II	60.04.10- 61.03.10-	Shirts	Pcs	624,000	631,051
IV	60.04.70-, 80-, 90-	Underwear (including underwear T-shirts), knitted or crocheted, <u>other than shirts, night-wear and tights</u>	Pcs)))	1,194,000	1,206,179
V	60.05.30-	Sweaters, pullovers, slippers, jumpers and cardigans etc, (including outerwear T-shirts), knitted or crocheted	Pcs))))	Sublimit Group IV = 477,600 Group V = 955,200	Sublimit Group IV = 482,472 Group V = 964,943
VI	60.05.80-, 81-, 87-, 89- 61.01.003, 004, 006, 10-, 45- 61.02.004, 006, 11-, 15-, 99-	Overcoats and jackets	Pcs	123,590	125,197
VIII	60.05.80-, 83- 61.01.003, 005, 50- 61.02.005, 60-, 99-	Trousers, <u>other than shorts</u> (including work trousers eg trousers with bib and braces and trousers made of impregnated fabrics)	Pcs	506,000	511,009
IX	60.05.60- 61.02.006, 20-, 30-, 40-, 99-	Costumes (including two- or three-piece ladies' costumes), dresses and skirts	Pcs	171,000	173,531
X	60.05.80-, 82 61.02.006, 50-, 99-	Blouses	Pcs	457,000	462,027

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XIc	60.05.80-,87-,89- 61.01.003,006,70- 61.02.006,80-,99-	Shorts	Pcs	89,500	90,000
<u>Rest Group</u>					
III	60.04.21-,25- 61.03.20- 61.04.10-	Night-wear))))		
VII	60.05.812,80-,89- 61.01.003,006,30-,41- 61.02.006,902-906,909	Suits, men's and boys' wear; lounge coats and blazers))))))		
XIa	60.05.10-,80-,89- 61.01.003,006,901-902 61.02.006,901,903-904 906-909,99-	Track suits))))) Metric) tons	84.5	85.9
XIb	60.05.20-,80-,89- 61.01.003,006,904-909 61.02.006,902-906,909,99-	Bathing suits and trunks)))))		
XId	60.04.60-	Panty hose and tights)))		
A	60.05.80-,87-,89- 61.01.003,006,904-909 61.02.006,902-906,909,99-	Protective and work clothing (for industrial or occupational use, whether or not also suitable for domestic or leisure time use), rain suits and coveralls, including sets of such garments. (Individually packed and shipped overalls and work trousers are to be classified in group VIII))))))))))	50	50.7
				Sublevel Group A	

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Exporter

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN/PROCESSING

No.

Consignee

Country of Origin of Goods

Country of Final Destination

Departure Date

Vessel's Name/Aircraft, etc.

Port of Discharge

(*Include Brand names if necessary)

NO UNAUTHORISED
ADDITION/
ALTERATION MAY
BE MADE TO THIS
CERTIFICATE ONCE
IT IS ISSUED

Marks & Numbers

No. & Kind of Packages
Description of Goods*Quantity
& Unit

SPECIMEN

I hereby certify that evidence has been produced to satisfy me that the goods specified above are the manufacture or produce of the country as shown above.

ORDINARY CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN
(CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN OFFICE)



Government of the
Republic of Singapore

for Controller of Exports
and Imports

The consignment above has been debited to
the agreed limit for export to Sweden

for Director
Department of Trade
Ministry of Trade & Industry
World Trade Centre
Singapore, 4,
Republic of Singapore