

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

CONFIDENTIAL  
TEX.SB/881\*  
29 September 1983

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## Textiles Surveillance Body

### ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

#### Notification under Article 4:4

#### Modification to the bilateral agreement (MFA II) between the EEC and Sri Lanka

#### Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the EEC concerning a modification to the bilateral agreement with Sri Lanka concluded under the 1977 Protocol of Extension, valid until 31 December 1982.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>The agreement and previous modifications are contained in COM.TEX/SB/378 and Add.1, 660, 720, 758 and 769. This notification has now been superseded by the new agreement concluded between the EEC and Sri Lanka (TEX.SB/862).

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Dear Ambassador,

In connection with the European Economic Community's Agreement on trade in textile products with Sri Lanka negotiated under Article 4 of the Arrangement and signed on 24 July 1979, I have to inform you of the following :

During the course of 1982 imports of men's and boys' undergarments (category 18) from Sri Lanka into the United Kingdom exceeded 22 tonnes while imports of women's dresses (category 26) from Sri Lanka into France exceeded 144,000 pieces, being the levels at which the Community can ask for consultations with a view to establishing a regional limit under the provisions of Article 6 of the Agreement. The Community, having deemed that there was a real risk of market disruption in this case, the two sides consulted on 17-19 May 1982 in the margin of the negotiations to renew the above bilateral textile agreement, in pursuance of Article 12 of the Agreement. As a result of these consultations, and in conformity with the provisions of the Agreement, Sri Lanka agreed to limit exports to the United Kingdom and France as follows :

Category	Unit	Member State	1982
18	tonnes	UK	120
26	1,000p.	FR	200

This new limit contained in the agreed minute annexed to this letter, is herewith communicated under Article 4, Paragraph 4 of the Arrangement, as a modification to the Community's Agreement with Sri Lanka.

Yours sincerely,

*J. Keck*  
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Encl.

**BASKET EXIT LIMITATION**

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Category : 18 UK

Units : tonnes

Country : Sri Lanka

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| a) Date when new limit was agreed            | - 19 May 1982                                |
| b) Basket Exit level (Group II : 1,2%)       | - 22 tonnes                                  |
| c) Level agreed                              | - 120 tonnes                                 |
| d) First year of application of new limit    | - 1982                                       |
| e) Annual growth                             | )  |
| f) Date when consultations were requested    | )  |
| g) Recorded imports at date of request       | ) 1982 restraint level agreed in             |
| for consultation                             | ) the margin of negotiations for the         |
|  | ) renewal of the bilateral textile agreement |
| h) Period covered by g)                      | )  |
| i) Imports during calendar year preceding    | - 107 tonnes                                 |
| year during which consultation was requested |  |

BASKET EXIT LIMITATION  
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Category : 26 France

Units : 1.000p.

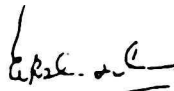
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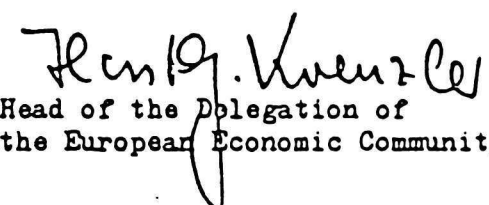
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| a) Date when new limit was agreed            | - 19 May 1982                               |
| b) Basket Exit level (Group II : 1,3%)       | - 144,000p.                                 |
| c) Level agreed                              | - 200,000p.                                 |
| d) First year of application                 | - 1982                                      |
| e) Annual growth                             | )   |
| f) Date when consultations were requested    | )   |
| g) Recorded imports at date of request       | ) 1982 restraint level agreed in the margin |
| for consultation                             | ) of negotiations for the renewal of the    |
|  | ) bilateral textile agreement               |
| h) Period covered by g)                      | - 3 months of 1983                          |
| i) Imports during calendar year preceding    | - 166,000 pieces                            |
| year during which consultation was requested |   |

AGREED MINUTE

1. Delegations of the European Economic Community and Sri Lanka met on 17 to 19 May 1982 for negotiations to renew the bilateral textile agreement which expires on 31 December 1982.
2. In the margin of these negotiations, consultations were also held under Article 6 of the present Agreement.
3. As a result of these consultations, Sri Lanka agreed to limit its exports to the Community as follows :

<u>Year</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>EC region</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
1982	18	UK	120 tonnes
1982	26	France	200 000 pieces

  
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Republic of Sri Lanka

  
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