

GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND
TRADE

ACCORD GENERAL SUR
LES TARIFS DOUANIERS
ET LE COMMERCE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

Organe de surveillance des textiles

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a copy of an agreement concluded between Norway and India covering shirts and blouses. Also attached is the accompanying reasoned statement.

ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Notification conformément à l'article 4

Note du Président

Les membres de l'OST trouveront ci-joint copie d'un accord conclu entre la Norvège et l'Inde et portant sur les chemises et chemisiers, ainsi que l'exposé des motifs qui l'accompagne.

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DÉLÉGATION DE NORVÈGE
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15 March 1977.

Encl.

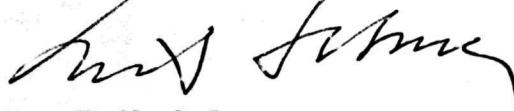
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Dear Ambassador Wurth,

Please find enclosed a copy of an agreement between the Governments of Norway and India, signed in New Delhi on February 15, 1977.

The agreement covers the exports of shirts and blouses from India to Norway and will apply from 1 January 1977 to 31 December 1977.

Yours sincerely,



Erik Selmer
Minister Counsellor

H.E. Mr. P. Wurth,
Chairman,
Textiles Surveillance Body,
Villa Le Bocage,
Palais des Nations,
1211 Genève 10.

February 15, 1977.

Sir,

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of today reading as follows:

"With reference to the consultations held in New Delhi between February 8 and 15, 1977, regarding exports of shirts and blouses from India to Norway, the Governments of India and Norway having regard to the provisions of the Arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles particularly Article 4 have agreed that the following arrangements will apply from January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977:

1. The Government of India have agreed to limit exports of shirts and blouses during the period January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977, as under:-

i. Shirts	310,000 pieces
ii. Blouses	290,000 "
2. Should the market situation in Norway change substantially (imports from all countries being taken into account in order to ensure a measure of equity) or if there is a marked increase in the import share of any of the other similarly placed countries supplying shirts and blouses to Norway, consequently placing India in an inequitable position vis-a-vis a third country or if any unforeseen problem arises from the implementation of this Arrangement, the parties to this Arrangement agree to consult each other upon the request of either of them.
3. The Government of Norway will issue automatically import licences for shirts and blouses of Indian origin upto the agreed level, provided that such imports into Norway are covered by Export Certificates,

as per specimen in Annexure I issued by the appropriate Indian organisation viz. Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council. Such export certificates imply that the consignments concerned have been debited against the agreed level for exports to Norway.

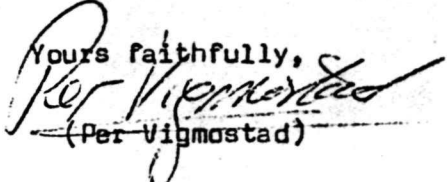
4. The Government of India or its authorised organisation viz. the Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council, Bombay, will forward to the Government of Norway monthly statistics on a cumulative basis of the quantities of shirts and blouses for which certificates for export to Norway have been issued.
5. The Government of Norway will forward to the Government of India and the Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council, Bombay monthly statistics on a cumulative basis of imports from India of shirts and blouses.
6. This letter together with your reply constitute an Arrangement between the Government of Norway and the Government of India.

I would appreciate your confirmation that the above is also the understanding of the Government of Norway.

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

I confirm, Sir, that the contents of your Letter correctly set out the agreement reached between us.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours faithfully,

(Per Vigmostad)

Mr.R.Ramakrishna
Leader of the Indian Delegation

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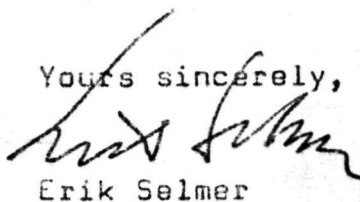
Geneva, 20 May, 1977

Enclosures

Dear Ambassador Wurth,

Referring to my letter of 15 March 1977, I have the honour to transmit a short reasoned statement concerning the agreement of February 25, 1977, between Norway and India covering the exports to Norway of blouses and shirts.

Yours sincerely,



Erik Selmer
Chargé d'Affaires

H.E. Mr. P. Wurth,
Chairman,
Textiles Surveillance Body,
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Geneva.

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Short reasoned statement.

In accordance with Article 3 in the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles the Government of Norway on 29 October 1976 presented to the Government of India requests for consultations concerning imports of Indian blouses and shirts. The requests were accompanied by detailed factual statements of the reasons and justification for the requests, including latest data concerning elements of market disruption.

Imports of blouses from India amounted in 1975 to 60.000 pcs and had in the period January - August 1976 increased to 178.000 pcs. For shirts there was an increase from 41.000 pcs in 1975 to 119.000 pcs in the period January - August 1976. Due to increased imports the markets share of domestic producers of blouses had fallen to 9,4 per cent and of shirts to 17,5 per cent in 1975. These market shares are, in the view of the Norwegian Government, below the limit of minimum viable production.

Consultations between the Government of Norway and the Government of India with regard to the exports of blouses and shirts from India to Norway were held in New Dehli between February 8 and 15, 1977.

The delegations recognized the very difficult situation for the Norwegian textile industry due to increased imports at low prices.

The two delegations agreed that in order to eliminate real risks of market disruption on the Norwegian market for shirts and blouses and to ensure an orderly development of the exports of these articles to Norway, there was a need for an arrangement between the two parties concerning the exports from India to Norway of shirts and blouses.

On 15 February 1977 the two delegations agreed on the exchange of letters. The agreement was concluded in accordance with provisions of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, particularly Article 4, and covers the period 1 January 1977 to 31 December 1977.

For your information please find enclosed copies of two tables showing Norway's importation of a) blouses and b) shirts.

Import	1974				1975				1976			
	1000 pos.	1000 NCR	aver. price	imp. share	1000 pos.	1000 NCR	aver. price	imp. share	1000 pos.	1000 NCR	aver. price	imp. share
Hong Kong	936	15,055	16	28.4	877	14,079	16	25.3	705	12,678	18	20.5
Portugal	940	18,120	19	28.5	640	14,850	23	18.4	767	18,536	24	22.3
India	208	3,514	17	6.3	41	701	17	1.2	207	3,759	18	6.0
Czechoslovakia	211	2,348	11	6.4	223	2,512	11	6.4	244	2,856	12	7.1
Sweden	177	6,914	39	5.4	261	10,613	41	7.5	142	7,160	50	4.1
Malaysia	107	1,488	14	3.2	171	2,479	14	4.9	189	2,926	15	5.5
Singapore	83	1,484	16	2.2	118	1,870	16	3.4	126	1,851	15	3.7
Sri Lanka	4	69	17	0.1	44	480	11	1.3	36	407	11	1.0
South Korea	23	357	15	0.8	47	552	12	1.4	46	718	16	1.3
China	30	349	12	0.9	37	417	11	1.1	33	420	13	1.0
Philippines	29	417	14	0.9	49	659	13	1.4	103	1,335	13	3.0
Denmark	74	2,331	32	2.2	58	2,117	37	1.7	46	2,029	44	1.3
Italy	73	937	18	2.4	43	633	15	1.2	22	770	35	0.6
Great Britain	87	2,935	34	2.6	126	4,495	36	3.6	158	6,862	43	4.6
Switzerland	50	1,748	35	1.5	70	2,492	36	2.0	47	1,609	34	1.4
Netherlands	20	650	33	0.6	112	3,561	32	3.2	119	4,049	34	3.5
Thailand	83	1,299	15	2.7	359	4,512	13	10.3	175	2,389	14	5.1
Ireland									72	1,106	15	2.2
Austria									28	1,070	38	0.8
Turkey									26	526	20	0.8
Other countries	137	4,188	30	4.3	197	4,705	24	5.7	149	4,152	28	4.3
Total	3,297	64,243	19	100	3,473	71,727	21	100	3,440	77,208	22	100
+ production	988				750 x)							
- export	11	493	45		13							
Net. consumpt.	4,192				4,210							
Self cover.	21.3				17.5							

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women's and girls' wear.

Import	1974				1975				1976			
	1000 pes.	1000 NCr	aver. price	imp. share	1000 pes.	1000 NCr	aver. price	imp. share	1000 pes.	1000 NCr	aver. price	imp. share
Hong Kong	555	8.013	14,44	31,5	623	8.857	14,22	35,4	544	9.420	17	28,0
Sweden	247	7.886	31,93	14,0	210	8.916	42,46	11,9	233	8.744	39	11,1
Denmark	171	6.867	40,16	9,7	157	7.530	47,96	8,9	170	8.192	48	8,7
India	175	2.870	16,40	9,9	60	1.271	21,18	3,4	278	4.932	18	14,1
Portugal	208	3.351	16,11	11,8	294	4.383	14,91	16,7	225	4.255	19	11,1
United Kingdom	118	3.722	31,54	6,7	110	3.705	33,68	6,3	135	4.336	32	6,7
Malaysia	39	536	13,74	2,2	43	459	10,67	2,4	31	423	14	1,1
Philippines	-	-	-	-	35	484	13,83	2,0	39	566	15	2,1
Thailand	24	401	16,71	1,4	8	86	10,75	0,5	36	465	13	1,1
Finland	56	2.332	41,64	3,2	49	2.428	49,55	2,8	63	2.812	45	3,1
Singapore	2	30	15,00	0,1	15	173	11,53	0,9	25	375	15	1,1
Sri Lanka	12	148	12,33	0,7	-	-	-	-	15	201	13	0,1
Malta	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	284	11	1,1
Other countries	154	3.957	25,69	8,8	154	4.628	30,05	8,8	134	5.601	42	6,1
Total	1.761	40.113	22,78	100,0	1.758	42.920	24,41	100,0	1.943	50.606	26	100,0
Production	182	-	-	-	200 ^{x)}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Export	7	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tot. cons.	1.936	-	-	-	1.940	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Self cover %	9,0	-	-	-	9,4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

x) Production figures are estimated.

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