

GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND
TRADE

CONFIDENTIAL

TEX.SB/228
27 June 1977

Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification of an agreement between Sweden and India

Note by the Chairman

The attached notification received from the Swedish delegation transmits the text of a bilateral agreement between Sweden and India covering bedlinen¹, for the period 1 July 1976 to 30 June 1978.

¹See COM.TEX/SB/245, paragraph 7.

New Delhi, May 6, 1977.

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delgivningslista.

Sir,

With reference to the consultations held in New Delhi and Geneva in January, March and April 1977 regarding exports of certain textile products from India to Sweden, I have the honour to inform you that the following is the understanding of the Government of Sweden:

1. The Government of India and Sweden, having regard to the provisions of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, have agreed that the following arrangements will apply from July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1978.
2. During the period July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977, imports to Sweden of bedlinen of cotton (Swedish CCC No 62.02.110) of Indian origin are being limited, through a system of import licences, to the level set out in column (d) in Annex I to this letter.
3. During the period July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978, the Government of India has agreed to limit exports, through a system of export certificates, from India to Sweden of bedlinen of cotton to the levels set out in columns (e) and (f) in Annex I. In addition, and on an ad hoc basis, another 100.203 kilograms (for the period July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977) and 102.153 kilograms (for the period

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Joint Secretary,
Trade Policy Division,
Ministry of Commerce,

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July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978) of the aforementioned item may be exported to Sweden during the period July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978. The date of issue of shipping documents is considered to be the date of exportation.

4. The provisions of paragraph 3 above may be applied from May 23, 1977 instead of July 1, 1977.
- 5a) The Government of Sweden will provide the Government of India information as to the quantities for which import licences have been issued in accordance with paragraph 2 above but which have not been shipped from India before May 23, 1977.
 - b) Such quantities may, in excess of the amounts referred to in paragraph 3 above, be exported to Sweden during the period May 23, 1977 to June 30, 1978.
 - c) In allocating the export quotas, the Government of India will, on the basis of information from the Government of Sweden, fully honour the consignments referred to in paragraph 5a) up to June 30, 1977.
6. The Government of Sweden will admit imports, through a system of import licences, of bedlinen of cotton of Indian origin when the consignments in question are covered by export certificates, as per specimen in Annex II, issued by the appropriate organization, viz. the Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council. Such export certificates shall be consecutively numbered in a series "BLS" and bear an endorsement that the consignments in question have been approved and debited against the restraint level for exports to Sweden.
7. Both parties regard as essential that the exports to Sweden of the textile product under restraint are, as far as possible, evenly spaced throughout the period of agreement and that, in the allocation of quotas, due consideration be given to traditional patterns of trade.

Accordingly, the Government of India undertakes to provide a procedure to achieve this.

8. The Government of India will forward to the Government of Sweden monthly statistics on a cumulative basis of the quantities of bedlinen of cotton, for which duly endorsed export certificates for export to Sweden have been issued. The statistics shall be forwarded to the Government of Sweden, via the Embassy of Sweden in New Delhi, within a period of one month from the month under reference.
9. The Governments of India and Sweden agree to consult each other, at the request of either, when any unforeseen problem arises from the implementation of this agreement. The Governments of India and Sweden agree furthermore to enter into consultations on the prolongation, modification or removal of the limitation before the end of the period of agreement.
10. It is the intention of the Government of Sweden that India should not, as a result of this Agreement, be placed in an inequitable or disadvantageous position vis-a-vis any Third Country. If the Government of India consider that such a situation has arisen, it may request the Government of Sweden to consult with a view to appropriate action, such as a reasonable modification of these arrangements.
11. The validity of this Agreement for the period January 1, to June 30, 1978, is without prejudice to the continuation or otherwise of the arrangements regarding international trade in textiles beyond December 31, 1977.
12. This letter together with your reply will constitute an agreement between the Government of India and Sweden.

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

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

(sign) Lennart Finnmark
Ambassador of Sweden

Rätt avskrivet bestyrkes
i tjänsten:

Majken Dahl

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
<u>Swedish Tariff Classification No</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit of quantity</u>	<u>Level including growth for period 1.7.76-30.6.77</u>	<u>Additional growth for period 1.7.76-30.6.77</u>	<u>Level for period 1.7.77-30.6.78</u>
62.02.110	Bedlinen, ⁺ of cotton	Kilograms (net weight)	552.200	10.000	573.444

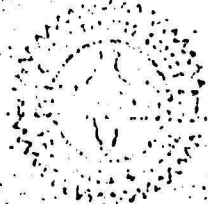
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The denomination "bedlinen" refers to bedsheets, pillow cases, pillow slips, bolster or eiderdown cases, mattress covers, quilt or blanket covers.

Rätt avskrivet bestyrkes i tjänsten:

Fredrik Lind

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The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council



EXPORT CERTIFICATE

BLS/

Certificate No. SN/..... Valid for shipment to Sweden up to.....

M/s.....
(Name and address of the exporter in India)

are hereby authorised to export.....
(quantities and description of goods)

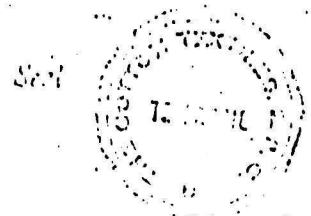
details of which are given below, to M/s.....
(Name and address of importer in Sweden)

vide Shipping Bill No. dated.....

Issued at..... on.....

Signature of the Authorising Officer

APPROVED AND DEBITED
AGAINST RESTRAINT LEVEL
FOR EXPORT TO SWEDEN



Government of India
Ministry of Commerce
Civil Supplies & Cooperation
(Department of Textiles)

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New Delhi,
May 12, 1977

Sir,

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 6th May, 1977 reading as follows:-

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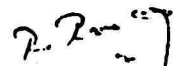
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Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration."

I confirm, Sir, that the contents of your letter correctly set out the agreement reached between the two Governments.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours faithfully,



(R. Hanakrishna)

Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India

Mr. Lennart Finnmark,
Ambassador of Sweden,
Royal Swedish Embassy,
New Delhi.

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.....
vide Shipping Bill No..... dated.....
Issued at..... on.....

Signature of the Authorising
Officer

Seal (TEXPROCIL)

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