

GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND
TRADE

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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 11, paragraph 12

Export Authorization Scheme: Austria/Hong Kong

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a copy of a memorandum of understanding on a system of export authorization to cover certain textile products exported by Hong Kong to Austria.

ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Notification conformément à l'article 11, paragraphe 12

Régime d'autorisation d'exportation: Autriche/Hong-kong

Note du Président

On trouvera ci-joint copie d'un mémorandum d'accord relatif à un système d'autorisation d'exportation applicable à certains produits textiles exportés par Hong-kong à destination de l'Autriche.

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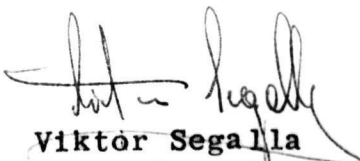
Geneva, 19 April 1978

Enclosure

Sir,

With reference to paragraph 12 of Article 11 of the ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a Memorandum of Understanding reached between Austria and Hong Kong dated 30 January 1978 and 17 February 1978, respectively.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.


Viktor Segalla
First Secretary

Mr. P. Wurth
Chairman
Textiles Surveillance Body
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

1. Having examined the current pattern and development of trade in certain textile products exported from Hong Kong to Austria, Austria and Hong Kong agree that an export authorisation system involving the following arrangements shall be introduced for the period 1st February 1978 to 31st January 1979 in respect of the products listed in the Annex to this Memorandum.
2. Hong Kong shall require all exports to Austria of the products listed in the Annex to be covered by export authorisations issued by the Hong Kong Trade Industry and Customs Department. An export authorisation shall be issued only on evidence of a firm contract for the supply of the goods involved and shall be valid for up to 6 months from the date of issue.
3. Export licences to ship goods covered by an export authorisation will be issued by Hong Kong on presentation of the relevant export authorisation within the latter's validity period. An export licence shall be valid for 28 days from the date of issue. Hong Kong shall not issue export licences in respect of exports to Austria of products listed in the Annex which are not covered by a valid export authorisation.
4. Hong Kong shall provide Austria with half-monthly statistical returns showing the quantities covered by export authorisations issued to Hong Kong exporters in respect of the products listed in the Annex. Hong Kong agrees to notify Austria immediately upon receipt of any applications for export authorisations in exceptionally large amounts in a particular product.
5. Austria shall admit imports of the textile products of Hong Kong origin listed in the Annex where such imports are accompanied by a copy of an export licence issued by the Hong Kong Trade Industry and Customs Department.

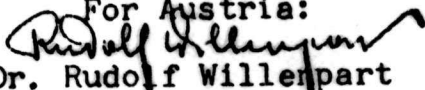
6. Austria may request Hong Kong to suspend the issue of export authorisations if, in the opinion of Austria, the Austrian market is being disrupted in terms of the definition of market disruption in Annex A of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, by imports from Hong Kong of any of the products covered by these arrangements. Such a request shall be accompanied by a request for consultations under Article 3 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles and by a detailed factual statement of the reasons and justification for the request for consultations, including the latest data concerning elements of market disruption.

7. Upon receipt of such a request for suspension and for consultations, Hong Kong shall suspend immediately the issue of export authorisations in respect of the relevant product. Hong Kong may, however, continue to issue export licences against valid export authorisations issued before such a suspension.

8. Where the issue of export authorisations is suspended, Hong Kong may extend the validity of an existing export authorisation for a period not exceeding 90 days, if it is satisfied that the failure to apply for an export licence within the validity period of the export authorisation has been caused by circumstances beyond the control of the person to whom the export authorisation was issued.

9. Hong Kong and Austria agree to consult, at the request of either party, on any matter arising from the implementation of these arrangements.

10. The Annex to this Memorandum shall be an integral part of it.

For Austria:

Dr. Rudolf Willenpart
Director
Federal Ministry for Trade,
Commerce and Industry

Vienna, 30 January 1978

For Hong Kong:

D.H. Jordan
Director
Trade Industry and Customs
Department

Hong Kong, 17 February 1978

Annex

Item No.	Austrian Statistical Classification No.	Hong Kong Statistical Classification No.	Description
(1)	ex 61.03 11 ex 61.03 21	ex 843 957 844 112 ex 843 977 ex 844 121 844 111 ex 844 122	Shirts, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton or of discontinuous synthetic fibres.
(2)	61.01 53 61.01 55 61.02 83 61.02 85	842 321 ex 843 432 842 322 843 947 842 331 843 948 842 332 ex 843 957 ex 843 421 843 967 ex 843 422 843 968 ex 843 431 ex 843 977	Slacks, shorts, jeans, trousers and divided skirts, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton or of man-made fibres.
(3)	ex 61.01 23 ex 61.01 25 ex 61.01 29 61.01 71 61.01 73 61.01 75	ex 842 411 ex 842 422 ex 842 412 ex 842 431 ex 842 421 ex 842 432	Jackets, including anoraks and blazers, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, of wool or of man-made fibres, men's and boys' wear.
(4)	ex 61.01 33 ex 61.01 35	ex 842 191 842 935 ex 842 192 842 942 842 932 842 943 842 933 842 944 842 934 842 945	Coats, including raincoats, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton or of man-made fibres, men's and boys' wear.

Note: In respect of Item (1): Shirts, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton or of discontinuous synthetic fibres, Austria undertakes not to invoke the provisions of paragraph 6 of this Memorandum of Understanding at least until the total of Export Authorisations issued by Hong Kong reaches 999,900 pieces.

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(5)	ex 61.01 25 ex 61.01 25	ex 842 221 842 936 ex 842 222 842 937 ex 842 231 842 946 ex 842 232 842 947	Tracksuits and swimwear, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton or of man-made fibres, men's and boys' wear.
(6)	61.01 41 61.01 43 61.01 45	ex 842 211 ex 842 222 ex 842 212 ex 842 231 ex 842 221 ex 842 232	Suits, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, of wool or of man-made fibres, men's and boys' wear.
(7)	ex 61.03 11 ex 61.03 19 ex 61.03 21 ex 61.03 29	ex 844 213 ex 844 224 ex 844 214 ex 844 297 ex 844 223 ex 844 298	Pyjamas and nightshirts, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton or of man-made fibres, men's and boys' wear.
(8)	61.02 63 61.02 65	843 511 843 522 843 512 ex 843 957 843 521 ex 843 977	Blouses, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton or of man-made fibres, women's, girls' and infants' wear.
(9)	61.02 51 61.02 53 61.02 55 61.02 71 61.02 73 61.02 75	843 311 843 421 843 312 843 422 843 321 843 431 843 322 843 432 843 331 ex 843 937 843 332 ex 843 957 843 411 ex 843 977 843 412	Dresses and skirts, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, of wool or of man-made fibres, women's, girls' and infants' wear.

Item No.	Austrian Statistical Classification No.	Hong Kong Statistical Classification No.	Description
(10)	ex 61.02 33 ex 61.02 35	ex 843 121 843 946 ex 843 122 ex 843 957 ex 843 131 843 963 ex 843 132 843 964 843 943 843 965 843 944 343 966 843 945 ex 843 977	Coats, including raincoats, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton or of man-made fibres, women's, girls' and infants' wear.
(11)	61.02 43 61.02 45	ex 843 221 ex 843 232 ex 843 222 843 234 843 224 843 235 843 225 ex 843 957 ex 843 231 ex 843 977	Costumes and trouser suits, including two- or three- piece suits, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton or of man-made fibres, women's, girls' and infants' wear.
(12)	ex 61.02 31 ex 61.02 33 ex 61.02 35	ex 843 111 ex 843 132 ex 843 112 ex 843 937 ex 843 121 ex 843 957 ex 843 122 ex 843 977 ex 843 131	Jackets, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, of wool or of man-made fibres, women's, girls' and infants' wear.
(13)	ex 60.04 49	ex 846 282 ex 846 283 ex 846 286 ex 846 287 ex 846 292	Briefs, drawers, panties, undershorts, and the like, knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton.

Item No.	Austrian Statistical Classification No.	Hong Kong Statistical Classification No.	Description
(14)	ex 60.04 49	846 211 846 212 845 930 ex 845 937 845 950 ex 845 957	Shirts, knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, men's and boys' wear.
	ex 60.05 31 ex 60.05 33 ex 60.05 84 ex 60.05 86	ex 846 282 ex 846 283 ex 846 286 ex 846 287 ex 846 292	Blouses, knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton or of synthetic fibres, women's, girls' and infants' wear.
	ex 60.04 49	846 284 846 344 846 285 ex 846 345 845 290 845 291	Singlets and undershirts, including underwear T-shirts, knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, men's, boys', women's, girls' and infants' wear.
(15)	ex 60.04 28 ex 60.04 49	ex 846 292 846 333 846 334 846 343	Pyjamas and other night garments, knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton or of synthetic fibres.
(16)	ex 60.05 31 ex 60.05 32 ex 60.05 33 ex 60.05 84 ex 60.05 85 ex 60.05 86	ex 845 111 ex 845 131 ex 845 112 ex 845 132 ex 845 113 ex 845 133 ex 845 114 ex 845 134 ex 845 115 ex 845 135 ex 845 121 ex 845 122 ex 845 123 ex 845 124 ex 845 125	Sweaters, cardigans, pullovers and jumpers, knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, of wool or of synthetic fibres.

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(17)	ex 60.05 31 ex 60.05 32 ex 60.05 33 ex 60.05 84 ex 60.05 85 ex 60.05 86	ex 845 211 ex 845 231 ex 845 212 ex 845 232 ex 845 218 ex 845 238 ex 845 221 ex 845 222 ex 845 228	Dresses, knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, of wool or of synthetic fibres.
(18)	ex 60.05 31 ex 60.05 32 ex 60.05 33 ex 60.05 84 ex 60.05 85 ex 60.05 86	845 906 845 946 845 907 845 947 845 913 845 953 845 914 845 954 ex 845 917 ex 845 957 845 926 845 927 845 933 845 934 ex 845 937	Slacks, shorts, jeans and trousers, knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, of wool or of synthetic fibre

Underwear T-shirts are single-coloured, not patterned nor printed T-shirts. Multi-coloured, patterned or printed T-shirts which are packed and shipped together with matching briefs as sets of underwear are considered as underwear T-shirts.