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ON TARIFFS AND
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Textiles Surveillance Body

Organe de surveillance des textiles

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Bilateral Agreement between Sweden and Singapore

Note by the Chairman

The attached communication received from the delegation of Sweden concerns the conclusion of a new bilateral agreement between Sweden and Singapore.¹

¹For previous agreement see COM.TEX/SB/270.

ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Notification conformément à l'article 4

Accord bilatéral entre la Suède et Singapour

Note du Président

La délégation de la Suède a fait parvenir au secrétariat la communication ci-jointe relative à la conclusion d'un nouvel accord bilatéral entre la Suède et Singapour.¹

¹Pour l'accord précédent, voir le document COM.TEX/SB/270.

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Geneva, July 3, 1979

Ambassador P Wurth
 Chairman
 Textiles Surveillance Body, GATT
 Centre William Rappard
 154, rue de Lausanne
 1211 GENEVE 21

Dear Mr Ambassador,

I am notifying to the Textiles Surveillance Body a new agreement concerning trade in textiles between Singapore and Sweden.

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, in its relevant parts, with reference to article 4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, as well as the Protocol of Extension and the understandings set forth therein (L/4616), acceded to by Sweden through letter of 28 April 1978.

The new bilateral agreement represents a more comprehensive coverage than the previous one. This approach 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 to a country like Sweden.

The present system of comprehensive agreements, i a with Singapore, is based on a categorization into fourteen groups of the most sensitive textile products within CCC (BTN) chapters 60 - 62. These groups are:

I *calceoli*
 Stockings, under stockings, socks, ankle-socks, sockettes and the like, knitted or crocheted, other than ladies' stockings of continuous synthetic textile fibres

II Shirts

- III Nightwear
- IV Knitted underwear, other than shirts, nightwear and tights (including underwear T-shirts)
- V Knitted sweaters, pullovers, slipovers, jumpers and cardigans etc (including outerwear T-shirts)
- X VI Overcoats and jackets
- VII Suits, lounge coats and blazers
- VIII Trousers, other than shorts
- X IX Costumes, dresses and skirts
- X Blouses
- XI Clothing, other than listed above, covered by CCC headings 60.03 - 60.05 and 61.01 - 61.04 as well as Commodity List 18 in Sweden

(Note: Commodity List 18 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 groups I, II, IV - VI, VIII - X, whereas groups III, VII and XI - XIV 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 CCC chapters 50 - 59 are subject to restraint in the present agreement.

As the new bilateral agreement has a structure which differs considerably from the old one, a valid comparison between them is very difficult.

The difficult situation of the Swedish textile industry has become further aggravated during the last years. Imports of garments have increased substantially, while consumption has been stagnant. This has led to a further decrease of domestic production. As in previous years, a number of factories have had to close down in 1978. 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,



Carl De Geer
Permanent Representative

Annexes As stated

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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

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

Article 4

The Government of Sweden will admit imports of the textile products of Singapore origin, listed in Annex I, only when such imports 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 and bear an endorsement by the Department of Trade of the Ministry of Finance, Singapore, that the consignments concerned have been approved and debited to the agreed limit for exports to Sweden for the relevant period.

Article 5

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

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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 reply within 30 days, the Government of Sweden may refuse to admit any quantity in excess of the quantitative limit.

Article 6

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 7

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 and X 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.

Article 8

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 agreement. If



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 items as may be found necessary.

Article 9

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

Article 10

This Agreement replaces the arrangements agreed upon by the Government of Singapore and the Government of Sweden in the exchange of letters of February 24, 1977 and of June 7, 1977.

Article 11

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

Done in Singapore on *November 8* 1978

Tan Joo Koh
For the Government of
Singapore

Peruns Rasmussen
For the Government
of Sweden

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94 tons
52 tons

(a) Group No	(b) Swedish Tariff Classification No	(c) Description	(d) Period	(e) Unit	(f) Level
I	60.03.003 102-106, ex 109 902-906, ex 909	Stockings, understockings, socks, ankle socks, sockettes and the like, knitted or crocheted, <u>other than</u> ladies' stockings of continuous synthetic fibres	1.12.78-30.11.79	pairs	383 500 <u>imports = 249.000</u> 70%
II	60.04.102-106 61.03.102-106, ex 109	Shirts	1.3.78-30.11.79	pcs	1 075 000
IV	60.04.702-706 802-806 902-906	Knitted underwear, <u>other than</u> shirts, nightwear and tights (including underwear T-shirts)	1.3.78-30.11.79	pcs	2 190 000 Sub-limit Group IV 876 000
V	60.05.302-306	Knitted sweaters, pullovers, slippers, jumpers and cardigans etc (including outer-wear T-shirts)			Sub-limit Group V 1 752 000
VI	60.05.ex 803-4 ex 812, ex 892, ex 895-896 61.01.ex 003, ex 008 104, ex 109, 454-456 61.02.ex 008 112-116, 152-156 ex 992-996	Overcoats and jackets	1.12.78-30.11.79	pcs	120.750
XVIII	60.05.802, ex 803-4 806, ex 895 61.01.ex 003, ex 008, 504-506, 61.02.ex 008, 602-606 ex 992-996	Trousers, <u>other than</u> shorts a) knitted or crocheted b) not knitted or crocheted	1.12.78-30.11.79) 1.3.78-30.11.79)	pcs	872 000
IX	60.05.602-606 61.02.ex 008, 202-206 302-306, 402-406 ex 992-996	Costumes, dresses and skirts	1.12.78-30.11.79	pcs	167.900 -21.900
X	60.05.ex 803-4 822, 825, 826 61.02.ex 008, 502-506, ex 509 ex 992-996	Blouses a) knitted or crocheted b) not knitted or crocheted	1.12.78-30.11.79) 1.3.78-30.11.79)	pcs	602.000

old 498.000
+ 9mes 373.500

871.500
+ 500

new: 872.000

202.500 old
354.375 old + 9meses
602.000 new

51300
249000
29725

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No	Classification No	Description	Period	Unit	Level
<u>Restgroup</u> III, VII, XI-XIV	60.04.212-216 252-256 602-606	Nightwear and tights, knitted or crocheted			
	60.05.102,105,202,205 ex803-804,ex 812 ex 892,ex 895-896	Outerwear, knitted or crocheted, <u>other than sweaters, pullovers, slipovers, jumpers, cardigans etc (group V), overcoats and jackets (ex group VI), trousers other than shorts (ex group VIII), costumes, dresses and skirts (ex group IX) and blouses (ex group X)</u>			
	61.01.ex 003, ex 008 304-306, 414-416, 705-706, ex709 904-906	Men's and boys' woven outer garments <u>other than overcoats and jackets (ex group VI) and trousers other than shorts (ex group VIII)</u>	1.12.78-30.11.79	tonnes	94
	61.02.ex 008 802-806 902-906 ex992-996	Women's, girls' and infants' woven outer garments <u>other than overcoats and jackets (ex group VI), trousers other than shorts (ex group VIII), costumes, dresses and skirts (ex group IX) and blouses (ex group X)</u>			52 tons
	61.03.202-206,ex209 61.04.ex102-109	Men's and boys', women's and girls' nightwear, not knitted or crocheted			
	62.01.ex101-400,500 600,ex900	Travelling rugs and blankets			
	62.02.110,ex190 ex 792-793	Bed linen			
	62.02.311,319,ex399 ex 792-793	Towels and similar articles			

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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

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

(*Include Brand names if necessary)

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.

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

Director
 Department of Trade
 Ministry of Finance
 Fullerton Building
 Singapore 1
 Republic of Singapore

[Handwritten signature]

[Handwritten initials]

(This is not
an annex
to the agreement)

Clothing and other made up textile articles (ex CCC
chapters 60-62) included in Commodity list No 18

<u>Description</u>	<u>Swedish Statistical Classification No. (C</u>
Stockings, under stockings, socks, ankle-socks, sockettes and the like, knitted or crocheted, other than ladies' stockings of continuous synthetic textile fibres	60.03.003-109 902-909
Undergarments, knitted or crocheted	60.04. all
Outer garments, knitted or crocheted	60.05.102-802, ex 803-804, 806, ex 809, 812-826, ex 892, ex 895,896
Outer garments, not knitted or crocheted	61.01. all 61.02. all
Shirts and night-garments, men's and boys' wear	61.03.102-209
Night-garments, women's and girls' wear	61.04.ex 102-109
Travelling rugs and blankets	62.01. all
Bed linen, towels and similar articles	62.02.110, 190, 311-399, ex 792-793

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<u>Description</u>	<u>Swedish Statistical Classification No. (CC</u>
Stockings, under stockings, socks, ankle-socks, sockettes and the like, knitted or crocheted, other than ladies' stockings of continuous synthetic textile fibres	60.03.003-109 902-909
Undergarments, knitted or crocheted	60.04. all
Outer garments, knitted or crocheted	60.05.102-802, ex 803-804, 806, ex 809, 812-826, ex 892, ex 895,896
Outer garments, not knitted or crocheted	61.01. all 61.02. all
Shirts and night-garments, men's and boys' wear	61.03.102-209
Night-garments, women's and girls' wear	61.04.ex 102-109
Travelling rugs and blankets	62.01. all
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