

GENERAL AGREEMENT  
ON TARIFFS AND  
TRADE

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ET LE COMMERCE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

Organe de surveillance des textiles

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment to the Bilateral Agreement between  
the EEC and Singapore

Note by the Chairman

The attached notification received from the Commission of the European Communities concerns an amendment to the initialled Article 4 agreement with Singapore.<sup>1</sup> The amendment relates to new limits on exports from Singapore with respect to category 28 to the United Kingdom.

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<sup>1</sup>For details of the existing agreement see COM.TEX/SB/405.

ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Notification conformément à l'article 4:4

Modification de l'accord bilatéral  
entre la CEE et Singapour

Note du Président

La Commission des Communautés européennes a adressé au secrétariat la notification ci-jointe concernant une modification de l'accord paraphé conclu avec Singapour au titre de l'article 4.<sup>1</sup> La modification a trait aux nouveaux plafonds applicables aux exportations de Singapour pour la catégorie 28 à destination du Royaume-Uni.

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<sup>1</sup>Pour le texte de l'accord, voir le document COM.TEX/SB/405.

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Brussels, 26 September 1979

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Dear Mr. Ambassador,

In connection with the European Economic Community's Agreement on trade in textile products with Singapore negotiated under Article 4 of the Arrangement and initialled on 15 December 1977, I have to inform you of the following :

During the course of 1978 imports of knitted trousers from Singapore into the United Kingdom region of the Community exceeded 16,000 pieces, being the level at which the Community can ask for a restraint measure in respect of the region of the Community concerned under the provisions of Article 6 of the Agreement. The Community having deemed that there was real risk of market disruption in this case, the two sides held consultations on 15 June 1978 in pursuance of Article 13 of the Agreement. As a result of these consultations, and in conformity with the provisions of the Agreement, Singapore agreed to limit exports to the United Kingdom as follows :

Category	Unit	Member State	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
28	1,000 pieces	United Kingdom	300	312	324	337	351

These new limits contained in the agreed minute annexed to this letter, are herewith communicated under Article 4, Paragraph 4 of the Arrangement, as a modification to the Community's Agreement with Singapore.

Yours sincerely,  
  
 J.R. BECK

AGREED MINUTES

1. Representatives of the Republic of Singapore and the European Economic Community met on 15 June 1978 in Brussels for informal discussions in connection with the Agreement on trade in textiles between the Community and Singapore initialled on 15 December 1977.
2. As a result of these discussions, Singapore agreed to limit its exports of knitted trousers (Category 28, Nimexe positions 60.05-61; 62; 64) to the United Kingdom to 300,000 pieces in 1978. It was further agreed that this limit should be subject to an annual growth rate of 4 %.
3. It is the understanding of both parties that the provisions of the Agreement which concern exports of products subject to quantitative limits established in Annex II, in particular the licence procedures set out in Protocol A, shall also apply to exports of knitted trousers from Singapore to the United Kingdom.
4. It is the understanding of both parties that the flexibility provisions set out in Article 5 of the Agreement are applicable to the limit for exports of knitted trousers from Singapore to the United Kingdom.
5. It is the understanding of both parties that the levels agreed for exports of knitted trousers to the United Kingdom shall not be regarded as a precedent for any other quantitative limits which may be requested by the Community under the provisions of Article 6 of the Agreement.

Brussels, 17 July 1978.