

GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND
TRADE

ACCORD GENERAL SUR
LES TARIFS DOUANIERS
ET LE COMMERCE

CONFIDENTIAL

TEX.SB/453

16 October 1979

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 the Philippines

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 the Philippines.¹ The amendment relates to new limits on exports from the Philippines with respect to the following categories: category 6 (Benelux); category 8 (France and the United Kingdom); category 21 (France).

¹For details of the existing agreement see COM.TEX/SB/452.

ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Notification conformément à l'article 4, paragraphe 4

Modification de l'accord bilatéral entre la CEE
et les Philippines

Note du Président

La Commission des Communautés européennes a fait parvenir au secrétariat la notification ci-jointe relative à une modification de l'accord¹ paraphé qui a été négocié avec les Philippines au titre de l'article 4. Cette modification porte fixation de nouvelles limites aux exportations philippines de produits des catégories ci-après: catégorie 6 (Benelux); catégorie 8 (France et Royaume-Uni); catégorie 21 (France).

¹Pour le détail de l'accord existant, voir le document COM.TEX/SB/452.

TS/140-4

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Directorate-General for External Relations

I-E-1

8185

ANSWERED	DOC. ISSUED	FOLIO
	TE+SB	453
REQ - 9 00: 1979		
For:	AGREEMENT	INT.
TRADE POLICY DE:		
Gen. Div.		
Agri. Div.		
Special Proc.		
TRADE DEVELOP. DE:		
Sp. Asst. Tr. Regs.		
Dev. Div.		
Intel. Div.		
CHAIR, TSB		
OFFICE OF CHAIR		
Consultant (ADE)		
Conf. Div.		

Handwritten initials

267 (circled)

Brussels 3 October 1979
JRB/gdh

Ambassador P. WURTH
Chairman
Textiles Surveillance Body, GATT
Centre William Rappard
Rue de Lausanne 154
CH - 1211 GENEVA 21

Dear Mr Ambassador,

In connection with the European Economic Community's Agreement on trade in textile products with the Republic of the Philippines negotiated under Article 4 of the Arrangement and initialled on 31 December 1977, I have to inform you of the following :

During the course of 1978 imports of trousers (Cat 6), shirts (Cat 8) and anoraks (Cat 21) from the Philippines into the Benelux, the United Kingdom and France exceeded respectively 29.000 pieces (Cat 6, BNL), 83.000 pieces (Cat 8, United Kingdom), 65.000 pieces (Cat 8, France), and 72.000 pieces (Cat 21, France), being the levels 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 these cases, the two sides held consultations on 29, 30 and 31 January 1979 in pursuance of Article 12 of the Agreement. As a result of these consultations, and in conformity with the provisions of the Agreement, the Philippines agreed to limit exports to the Benelux, the United Kingdom and France as follows :

./.

Category	Unit	Member State	1979	1980	1981	1982
6	1000 p.	BNL	650	676	703	731
8	1000 p.	F	200	208	216	225
8	1000 p.	UK	265	276	287	298
21	1000 p.	F	215	228	242	256

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 the Republic of the Philippines.

Yours sincerely,


J.R. BECK

AGREED MINUTE

1. A delegation of the Republic of the Philippines and of the European Economic Community met on 29, 30 and 31 January 1979 in Brussels for consultations in connection with the implementation of the EC/Philippines Agreement on trade in textile products initialled on 31 December 1977.

2. As a result of these consultations, the Philippines agreed to limit their exports of trousers (Cat. 6, Nimex Positions 61.01-62, 64, 66, 72, 74, 76 and 61.02-66, 68, 72) to the Benelux countries from 1 January 1979 to 31 December 1982 to the following levels :

1979	650.000 pieces
1980	676.000 pieces
1981	703.000 pieces
1982	731.000 pieces

Similarly, the Philippines agreed to limit their exports of men's shirts (Cat. 8, Nimex Position 61.03-11, 15, 19) to France and to the United Kingdom respectively to the following amounts :

	F	UK
1979	200.000 pieces	265.000 pieces
1980	208.000 pieces	276.000 pieces
1981	216.000 pieces	287.000 pieces
1982	225.000 pieces	298.000 pieces

These new limitations were agreed on the understanding that all shipments of the products concerned, that left the Philippines before 31 December 1978, namely 1.030.000 trousers to the Benelux, 419.000 shirts to France, 550.000 shirts to the United Kingdom, will not be counted against the agreed quotas.

./...

HM

Finally the Philippines agreed to limit the exports of parkas (Cat. 21, Nimex Positions 61.01-29, 31, 32; 61.02-25, 26, 28) to France from 1 January 1979 to 31 December 1982 to the following levels :

1979	215.000 pieces
1980	228.000 pieces
1981	242.000 pieces
1982	256.000 pieces

3. It is the understanding of both parties that the provisions of the Agreement which concern exports of products under quantitative limitations set out in the Agreement and in particular the licencing procedures set out in Protocol A shall apply to exports of the above mentioned products as from 10 February 1979. From that date, the competent Philippines authorities will issue export licences and certificates of origin within the above mentioned limits for all exports of trousers, shirts and parkas to the region of the Community concerned. Shipments leaving the Philippines from 1 January to 10 February 1979 will however be counted against the agreed levels for 1979.

4. It was agreed, that a verification of 1978 shipments of products under quantitative limitation as from 1 January 1978 will be operated. Should the apparent overshipment shown by the Community records be confirmed, quantities which exceed the flexibility provisions will be counted against the 1979 Philippines quota levels, or, conditionally to the Community's acceptance, might be considered as exceptional 1978 quota increases.

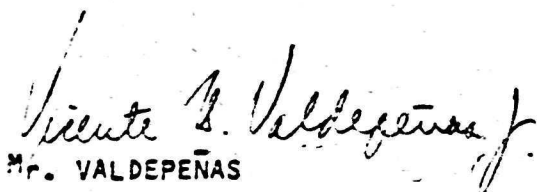
5. The Philippines delegation reiterated to the Community its request for reallocation of the 1979 Community levels and submitted a request for additional quantities for the 1979 quota levels. Details of the latter demand would be transmitted by a Note Verbale of the Philippines Mission to the European Economic Community.

./....

VH

6. In the absence of a Community legislation on the treatment of samples, it was stated that the provisions of the national legislation of each Member State of the European Economic Community will have to be applied.

Brussels, 31 January 1979


Mr. VALDEPEÑAS

Chairman of the delegation of
the Republic of the Philippines


Mr. HOFMANN

Chairman of the delegation of
the European Economic Community