

**GENERAL AGREEMENT  
ON TARIFFS AND  
TRADE**

**ACCORD GENERAL SUR  
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 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<sup>1/</sup> covering the period 1 December 1979 to 30 November 1981. Also attached is the short reasoned statement.

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<sup>1/</sup> For previous agreement see COM.TEX/SB/459: for observations by the TSB see COM.TEX/SB/460, paragraphs 6 to 8.

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ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Notification conformément à l'article 4

Accord bilatéral entre la Suède et Singapour

Note du Président

On trouvera ci-joint une communication de la délégation de la Suède relative à un nouvel accord bilatéral conclu entre la Suède et Singapour<sup>1/</sup> pour la période du 1er décembre 1979 au 30 novembre 1981. On trouvera également ci-joint un bref exposé des motifs de cet accord.

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<sup>1/</sup> Pour l'accord précédent, voir le document COM.TEX/SB/459; pour les observations de l'OST, voir le document COM.TEX/SB/460, paragraphes 6 à 8.

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Dear Mr. Würth,

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Please find enclosed a notification to the Textiles Surveillance Body of a new agreement concerning trade in textiles between Singapore and Sweden, The agreement covers the period 1 December 1979 to 30 November 1981.

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 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 April 28, 1978.

The more comprehensive approach in this, as well as in other Swedish textile agreements, 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 in a country like Sweden.

This agreement is based on a categorization into the following groups, comprising the most sensitive textile products within CCCN (BTN) chapters 60-62:

- I Stockings, understockings, socks, ankle socks, sockettes and the like, knitted or crocheted, other than ladies' stockings of continuous synthetic fibres
- II Shirts
- III Night garments
- IV Underwear, knitted or crocheted, other than shirts, night garments and tights

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- V Sweaters, pullovers, slipovers, jumpers and cardigans etc, knitted or crocheted
  - VI Overcoats and jackets
  - VII Suits, lounge coats and blazers
  - VIII Trousers other than shorts
  - IX Costumes, dresses and skirts
  - X Blouses
  - XI Clothing included in Commodity List No. 28, other than elsewhere specified
- (Note: Commodity List 28 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

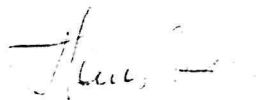
In this agreement with Singapore separate restraint levels have been established for the above groups I, II, IV, V, VI, VIII, IX and X, whereas the remaining items have been merged into a common rest group, which should make a fair amount of flexibility possible. It can also be noted that most of the 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 CCCN chapters 50-59 are subject to restraint in the present agreement.

The difficult situation of the Swedish textile industry has become further aggravated during the last years. Imports of garments have increased substantially. A further decrease of domestic production has taken place. As in previous years, a number of factories have had to close down. 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,



Hans V. Ewerlöf  
Permanent Representative

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SWEDISH BOARD OF COMMERCE

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Annex I

(This is not  
a part of  
the agreement)

Garments and made up textile articles included in Commodity list No 28

SWEDISH CCC No	Description
60.03.003-109, 902-909	Stockings, under stockings, socks, ankle-socks, sockettes and the like <u>other than</u> ladies' stockings of continuous synthetic fibres, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberised
60.04.all	Under garments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberised
60.05.all	Outer garments and other articles, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberised
61.01.all	Men's and boys' outer garments
61.02.all	Women's, girls' and infants' outer garments
61.03.all	Men's and boys' under garments
61.04.all	Women's, girls' and infants' under garments
61.09.102-209	Corsets, corset-belts, suspenders, garters and brassières (including such articles of knitted or crocheted fabric)
62.01.all	Travelling rugs and blankets
62.02.all	Bed linen, table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen; curtains and other furnishing articles
62.04.210-290	Sails

Agreement between the Government of Singapore  
and the Government of Sweden regarding exports  
of certain textile products from Singapore to Sweden

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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

- (a) The Agreement shall apply to exports from Singapore to Sweden of the textile products described in Annex 1 hereof of cotton, wool, man-made fibres, or blend thereof, in which any or all of those fibres in combination represent either the chief value of the fibres or 50 per cent or more by weight (or 17 per cent or more by weight of wool).
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article this Agreement shall also apply to the products described in Annex I hereof, which are manufactured from impregnated fabrics as defined in (c).
- (c) Fabrics of cotton, wool or man-made fibres or any blend containing one or more of those fibres in which either wool represents 17 per cent or more by weight or any or all of those fibres in combination represent 50 per cent or more by weight of the unfinished fabric shall be defined as "impregnated fabrics" where those fabrics have been impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with preparations of

cellulose derivatives or of other artificial plastic materials whatever the nature of the plastic material (compact, foam, sponge or expanded).

- The definition does not cover :

— Fabrics which, after impregnation, coating, covering or laminating, cannot, without fracturing, be bent manually around a cylinder of a diameter of 7 mm at a temperature between 15°C and 30°C. Fabrics either completely embedded in artificial plastic material or coated or covered on both sides with such material.

#### Article 4

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 5

In addition to the flexibility incorporated in the Groups in Annex I hereof, the following provisions shall apply:

- (a) If in the periods 1 March 1978 to 30 November 1979 or 1 December 1978 to 30 November 1979, depending on the products in question, exports from Singapore to Sweden of the products covered by the Agreement of 8 November 1978, as adjusted to annual levels where appropriate, are less than the corresponding annual or notional annual levels as specified in column (f) of the Annex thereto, the Government of Singapore may, after informing the Government of Sweden the details of computation, during the period 1 December 1979 to 30 November 1980 approve the export of additional amounts (carry over) equivalent to such shortfalls

provided that such exports -

(i) are in the same Groups/subgroups where the shortfalls occurred;

(ii) do not exceed 5 per cent of the annual or notional annual levels/sublevels of these Groups specified in the Agreement of 8 November 1978.

(b) If in the period 1 December 1979 to 30 November 1980 exports from Singapore to Sweden of the products covered by specific Group limits in Annex I to this Agreement are less than the corresponding levels specified in column (e) of that Annex, the Government of Singapore may, after informing the Government of Sweden the details of computation, for the period 1 December 1980 to 30 November 1981 approve the export of additional amounts (carry over) equivalent to such shortfalls provided that such exports -

(i) are in the same Groups/subgroups where the shortfalls occurred;

(ii) do not exceed 5 per cent of the Group levels/sublevels, set out in column (e) of Annex I to this Agreement.

(c) During the period 1 December 1979 to 30 November 1980 the Government of Singapore, after informing the Government of Sweden the details of computation, may approve the export of amounts in excess of the Group levels set out in column (e) of Annex I to this Agreement up to 5 per cent of those levels (carry forward). Carry forward to Groups IV and V shall not exceed 5 per cent of the aggregate level for these Groups, of which no more than 40 per cent may be utilized for Group IV and no more than 80 per cent may be utilized for Group V.



Where the specific Group levels/sublevels are increased by carry forward the Government of Singapore shall inform the Government of Sweden of the carry forward quantities and debit these to the corresponding Group levels/sublevels for the period 1 December 1980 to 30 November 1981 set out in column (f) of Annex I to this Agreement.

- (d) During the period 1 December 1980 to 30 November 1981 the Government of Singapore, after informing the Government of Sweden the details of computation, may approve the export of amounts in excess of the Group levels set out in column (f) of Annex I to this Agreement up to 5 per cent of those levels (carry forward). Carry forward to Groups IV and V shall not exceed 5 per cent of the aggregate level for these Groups, of which no more than 40 per cent may be utilized for Group IV and no more than 30 per cent may be utilized for Group V. Where the specific Group levels/sublevels are increased by carry forward the Government of Singapore shall inform the Government of Sweden of the carry forward quantities and debit these to any corresponding Group levels/sublevels that may be agreed for a subsequent restraint period.
- (e) During each restraint period specified in Annex I, the additional export quantities covered by carry over and carry forward taken together shall, for each group/subgroup, not exceed 5 per cent of the respective agreed levels/sublevels.

#### Article 6

The Government of Sweden will admit imports of the textile products of Singapore origin, listed in Annex I, only when such products are covered by a certificate of origin as per specimen in Annex II. Such a document shall be issued by

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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 Trade and Industry, Singapore, that the consignments concerned have been approved and debited to the agreed limit for exports to Sweden for the relevant period.

Article 7

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 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 give a satisfactory reply within 15 days, the Government of Sweden may refuse to admit any quantity in excess of the quantitative limit.

Article 8

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 9

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 10

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 consultations do not result, within a reasonable period of time, in a mutually 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 time as may be found necessary.

Article 11

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

Article 12


This Agreement is concluded for a period of two years. Either Government may, however, terminate the Agreement with effect from 1 December, 1980. Such termination shall be notified not later than three months before the expiry of the first agreement year.

Article 13

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

Done in Singapore on 22 November 1979

  
For the Government of  
Singapore

  
For the Government  
of Sweden

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## ANNEX I

## Exports of certain Textiles from Singapore to Sweden of wool, cotton, man-made fibres or blend thereof (see article 3 of the Agreement)

(a) Group No	(b) Ex Swedish Tariff Classification No	(c) Description	(d) Unit	(e) Level for period 1.12.79-30, 11.80	(f) Level for period 1.12.80-30, 11.81
I	60.03.003, 10-, 90-	Stockings, under stockings, socks, ankle socks, sockettes and the like, knitted or crocheted, <u>other than ladies'</u> stockings of continuous synthetic fibres	Pairs	383,750	384,000
II	60.04.10- 61.03.10-	Shirts	Pcs	616,000	617,000
IV	60.04.70-, 80-, 90-	Under garments, knitted or crocheted, <u>other than shirts</u> , night garments and tights (including underwear T-shirts)	Pcs )	1,181,000	1,182,000
V	60.05.30-	Sweaters, pullovers, slipovers, jumpers and cardigans etc, knitted or crocheted (including outerwear T-shirts)	Pcs )	(sub-limit Group IV = 472,400 Group V = 944,800)	(Sub-limit Group IV = 472,800 Group V = 945,600)
VI	60.05.803-4, 809, 812, 89- 61.01.00-, 10-, 45-, 61.02.00-, 11-, 15-, 99-	Overcoats and jackets	Pcs	121,000	122,000
VIII	60.05.80-, 895 61.01.00-, 50- 61.02.00-, 60-, 99-	Trousers, <u>other than shorts</u>	Pcs	500,000	501,000
IX	60.05.60- 61.02.00-, 20-, 30-, 40-, 99-	Costumes, dresses and skirts	Pcs	168,000	168,500
X	60.05.803-4, 809, 82- 61.02.00-, 50-99-	Blouses	Pcs	451,000	452,000

(a) Group No	(b) Ex Swedish Tariff Classification No	(c) Description	(d) Unit	(e) Level for period 1.12.79-30.11.80	(f) Level for period 1.12.80-30.11.81
<u>Rest group</u> III, VII, XI-XIV					
	60.04.21-,25-,60-	Night garments and tights, knitted or crocheted			
	60.05.10-20-,803-4,809,812,89-	Outer garments, knitted or crocheted, <u>other than</u> sweaters, pullovers, slipovers, jumpers, cardigans etc (group V), overcoats and jackets (ex VI), trousers other than shorts (ex VIII), costumes, dresses and skirts (ex IX) and blouses (ex X)			
	61.01.00-,30-,41-70-,90-	Men's and boys' woven outer garments, <u>other than</u> overcoats and jackets (ex VI) and trousers other than shorts (ex VIII)	Metric tons	95	95.1
	61.02.00-,80-,90-,99-	Women's, girls' and infants' woven outer garments, <u>other than</u> overcoats and jackets (ex VI), trousers other than shorts (ex VIII), costumes, dresses and skirts (ex IX) and blouses (ex X)			
	61.03.20-,90-	Men's and boys', women's, girls' and infants' woven under garments, <u>other than</u> shirts			
	61.04.10-,20-				
	62.01.a11	Travelling rugs and blankets			
	62.02.11-,19-,792-3	Bed linen			
	62.02.31-,39-,792-3	Towels and similar articles			

CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN/PROCESSING

No:

Country of Origin of Goods

Country of Final Destination

Departure Date

Vessel's Name/Aircraft, etc.

Port of Discharge

Marks & Numbers

No. & Kind of Packages -  
Description of Goods

Quantity  
& Unit

(\*Include Brand names if necessary)

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

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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.

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(CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN OFFICE)

Government of the  
Republic of Singapore

for Controller of Imports  
and Exports

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

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Ministry of Trade & Industry  
World Trade Centre  
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Republic of Singapore