

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Modification of the Bilateral Agreement Between the EEC and Hong Kong

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from the EEC of a modification of its bilateral agreement with Hong Kong resulting from the implementation of the Harmonized System.¹

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures regarding notifications made under Article 4,² has examined the relevant documentation and is transmitting the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.³

¹The bilateral agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1372.

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

³For the TSB's observation see COM.TEX/SB/1565.

*English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente

AGREED MINUTE

1. A delegation of the Hong Kong Government and a delegation of the European Community met in Brussels on 13 April 1988 for consultations on problems arising from the transfer of rubberised knitted gloves from Category 67 to Category 10 on the implementation of the Harmonized System. The consultations were conducted in accordance with Article 14(3) of the Agreement of Trade in Textile products between Hong Kong and the Community initialled on 2 October 1986 in Brussels.

2. As a result of the consultations, the two parties agreed to add the following quantities to the quantitative limits for Category 10 established in Annex II of the said Agreement:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Additional Quantity</u> <u>'000 pairs</u>
1988	3.862
1989	3.939
1990	4.018
1991	4.098

3. It was further agreed that the regional shares for Category 10 for the year 1988 as indicated in the Annex to the Community's Note Verbale dated 4 March 1988 will be increased in consequence of the additional quantity referred to in paragraph 2 above by not less than the following quantities:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Additional Quantity</u> <u>'000 pairs</u>
D	1.944
F	268
I	658
BNL	181
UK	495
IRL	13
DEN	48
GRE	-
SPA	124
POR	-

4. The two parties also confirmed that the sub-limits for the United Kingdom within the quantitative limits for Category 10 established in Annex II of the said Agreement will apply to gloves impregnated, coated or covered with plastics covered by 1988 CN code 6116.10.10 and the sub-limits for these products remain as set out in Annex II of the Agreement.

5. As foreshadowed in the Agreed Minute between Hong Kong and the Community dated 23 March 1988, the two parties agreed that the special swing arrangement established under the said agreed minute will cease. The quantities of rubberised knitted gloves shipped under this arrangement are debited to the new quota level introduced for Category 10 for the year 1988, and the quotas from which the special swing out was effect are recredited.

6. It is understood that all rubberised globes exported from Hong Kong from 1 January 1988 are to be debited against Category 10 quota.

7. A point concerning the origin definition for the rubberised gloves was raised by the Community and both parties agreed to clarify the matter at a later date.

Brussels, 14 April 1988

Delegation of the Hong Kong
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Delegation of the European
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AGREED MINUTE

1. A delegation of the Hong Kong Government and a delegation of the European Community met in Brussels on 13 June 1989 for consultations on problems arising from the adoption, following introduction of the Harmonized System, of clarification by the CCC that short knitted garments with ribbing at the bottom should be classified under Category 5, and the pursuant change adopted by the EC to classify these garments under Category. The consultations were conducted in accordance with Article 14(3) of the Agreement on Trade in Textile Products between Hong Kong and the Community initialled on 2 October 1986 in Brussels.

2. As a result of the consultations and having regard to the migration of short knitted garments with ribbing at the bottom from Categories 4, 7 and 83 to Category 5, the two parties agreed to add the following quantities to the quantitative limits for Category 5 established in Annex II of the said Agreement:

1989	108.000
1990	109.000
1991	110.000

3. It was further agreed that the regional shares for Category 5 for the year 1989 will be increased in consequence of the additional quantity for Category 5 referred to in paragraph 2 above by the following quantities:

<u>Region</u>	<u>Additional Quantity</u> <u>in 1000 pieces</u>
FRG	7
FRA	3
UK	94
IRE	4

4. As regards the regional shares for Categories 4, 7 and 83 for the year 1989, it was agreed that they will be decreased in consequence of the quantities to be deducted from Category 5 referred to in paragraph 3 above by the following quantities:

(1000 pieces)	FRG	FRA	UK	IRE
Cat. 4	4	-	34	4
Cat. 7	-	3	-	-
Cat. 83 (tonnes)	1	-	11	-

Brussels, 13 June 1989

Delegation of the Hong Kong
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AGREED MINUTE

1. A delegation of the Hong Kong Government and a delegation of the European Community met in Brussels on 28 July 1989 for consultations on problems arising from the revision in classification criteria for tracksuits which followed the introduction of the Harmonized System. The consultations were conducted in accordance with Article 14(3) of the Agreement on Trade in Textile Products between Hong Kong and the Community initialled on 2 October 1986 in Brussels.

2. As a result of the consultations and having regard to the migration of tracksuits from Categories 5, 28, 74 and 75 to Category 73 the two parties agreed to add the following quantities to the quantitative limits for Category 73 established in Annex II of the said Agreement:

1989	41,000
1990	42,000
1991	43,000

3. It was further agreed that the regional shares for Category 73 for the year 1989 will be increased in consequence of the additional quantity for Category 73 referred to in paragraph 2 above by the following quantities.

<u>Region</u>	<u>Additional Quantity</u> <u>in 1000 sets</u>
FRG	12
FRA	1
BNL	9
UK	18
DEN	1

4. As regards the regional shares for Categories 5 and 74 for the year 1989, it was agreed that they will be decreased in consequence of the quantities to be added to Category 73 referred to in paragraph 3 above by the following quantities:

(1000 pieces)	FRA	BNL	UK
Cat. 5	1	3	NIL
Cat. 74	NIL	1	8

Brussels, 28 July 1989

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