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AGREEMENT ON TEXTILES AND CLOTHING

Notification under Article 2.2

Hong Kong

The Textiles Monitoring Body has received a notification from Hong Kong of observations made pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article 2.

The TMB is circulating this notification to WTO Members for their information in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 2.

Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, Geneva

12 February 1995

H. E. Mr. András Szepesi
Chairman
Textiles Monitoring Body
World Trade Organization
Centre William Rappard
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Dear Mr. Chairman,

Pursuant to Article 2.2 of the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), and with reference to the US notification under Article 2.1 of the ATC circulated by the TMB on 22 December 1995, Hong Kong observes that category 341 should have been denoted "0", and not with an asterisk as in the above-mentioned notification.

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform the TMB that some of the observations by Hong Kong submitted to the TMB on 30 May 1995 on the earlier notification by the US continue to apply. These observations are reproduced in the table attached.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) Timothy Tong
Deputy Permanent Representative
of Hong Kong to WTO

USA: ARTICLE 2.1 NOTIFICATION UNDER THE ATC

POINTS	US NOTIFICATION	HONG KONG'S OBSERVATIONS
1. Product Descriptions	Brief descriptions are used	The brief product descriptions contained in the US notification do not reflect adequately and accurately the categorization of products enforced on 31.12.94 under the 1992-1995 Hong Kong/US Bilateral Agreement (the Bilateral). As implementation of restraint levels relies heavily on the product descriptions of respective categories, and to forestall any possible misunderstanding in the future, we consider it necessary to notify the TMB the product descriptions as set out in the Bilateral.
2. Coverage and Structure of Groups/Sub-groups	Not specified	The US notification does not specify the coverage and structure of the respective groups and sub-groups defined in the Bilateral and in force on 31.12.94. As products within these groups and sub-groups are subject to their respective limits, details of category number and product descriptions under each group and sub-group should be notified to the TMB.
3. Conversion Factors	Not included	Conversion factors are essential for the application of flexibilities notified under Article 2.1. They should therefore be included in the notification to the TMB.
4. Category Number for Made-to-measure Suits	Not specified	For clarity sake, the category number for made-to measure suits [category 443/444/643/644/843/844(1)] should be specified.