

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Recommendation for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

on the conclusion of the Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Hong Kong on trade in textile products consequent on the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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1. Under the Act of Accession of Greece to the European Communities (Article 123), it was agreed that the Community would negotiate protocols of adaptation to the bilateral agreements on trade in textile products between the Community and third countries.
2. By Decision of 1 August 1980 the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with Hong Kong to conclude an agreement on such adaptation.
3. In accordance with that Council Decision and in consultation with the Article 113 Committee, the Commission conducted negotiations with Hong Kong from October 1980 to February 1981

Following the negotiations, a draft Protocol was drawn up extending the terms of the original bilateral agreement to trade between Hong Kong and the enlarged Community, thus (inter alia)

- increasing the existing voluntary restraint levels on exports to the whole Community to new agreed levels,
- extending the existing consultation procedures whereby new voluntary restraint measures may be introduced for categories of products not at present subject to limitation, where certain thresholds are exceeded, in respect of both the whole Community and Greece.

The Heads of Delegation initialled the text of the draft Protocol on 9 February 1981 having noted it correctly represented the results of the negotiations.

4. The Protocol has already been implemented by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2242 /81 of 24 June 1981 (1) amending the existing régime established by Regulation (EEC) 3059/78, and replacing, in respect of imports into Greece, the provisional measures taken under Council Regulation (EEC) No 3554/80 of 22 December 1980 (2).

5. The Commission considers that the draft Protocol embodies an arrangement which is acceptable to the Community. It therefore recommends that the Council :

(i) approve the Protocol by adopting the Regulation, the draft of which is annexed hereto;

(ii) pending approval of the Protocol, take the necessary decisions in connection with the signing thereof.

(1) O.J. No L 221 of 6.8. 1981, p.1
(2) O.J. No L 381 of 31.12.1980, p.84.

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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

RECOMMENDATION

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

on the conclusion of the Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and HONG KONG on trade in textile products consequent on the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community.

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the Commission

Whereas it is necessary to approve the Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and HONG KONG,

on trade in textile products to take account of the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and HONG KONG

on trade in textile products,
consequent on the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Protocol is annexed to this Regulation.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall give the notification provided for in Article 4 of the Additional Protocol (1).

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

(1) The date of entry into force of the Protocol will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* by the General Secretariat of the Council.

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ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND HONG KONG
CONSEQUENT ON THE ACCESSION OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC TO
THE COMMUNITY

Initialed on 9 February 1981
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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

of the one part, and

THE GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG

of the other part,

CONSIDERING the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the European Communities on 1 January 1981

HAVING REGARD to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Hong Kong signed on 12 February 1980 and hereafter called the "Agreement",

HAVE DECIDED to determine by common accord the adjustments and transitional measures to the Agreement consequent on the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the European Economic Community

and TO CONCLUDE THIS PROTOCOL :

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Article 1

The text of the Agreement as hereby amended, including its annexes and protocols and exchange of letters, forming an integral part thereof, shall be drawn up in Greek and that text shall be authentic in the same way as the original texts.

Article 2

The Agreement shall be amended as follows :

1. The 1981 and 1982 Limits set out in Annex II shall be increased to the quantities set out in the Annex hereto, and
2. Article 6 paragraph 8 and 9 shall be replaced by the following :

8. The Community undertakes not to invoke the provisions of paragraph 2 of this Article before the level of export authorizations for textile products mentioned in paragraph 1 in any category exceeds, in relation to 102 % of the preceding year's total imports into the territories within which the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community applied at 31 December 1980 of products in that category, the following rates :

- for categories of products in Group I, 0.2 %
- for categories of products in Group II, 1 %
- for categories of products in Group III, IV or V, 3%

9. The Community further undertakes not to invoke the provisions of this Article on a regional basis before the level of export authorizations for textile products mentioned in paragraph 1 in any category exceeds, in relation to the amounts calculated by the fraction 100/102 (one hundred divided by one hundred and two) of the rates referred to in Paragraph 8, the following regional percentages :

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Germany	28.5 %
Benelux	10.5 %
France	18.5 %
Italy	15 %
Ireland	1 %
Denmark	3 %
United King- dom	23.5 %
Greece	2 %

3. For the purpose of calculating "the preceding year's total imports" referred to in 2. above, both of 1980 and 1981, imports from the Hellenic Republic shall be those recorded in 1980.

Article 3

The Annex to this Protocol forms an integral part thereof. This Protocol forms an integral part of the Agreement.

Article 4

This Protocol shall be approved by the contracting Parties in accordance with their own procedures. It shall enter into force on 1st January 1981, provided that the contracting Parties have notified each other before that date that the procedures necessary to this end have been completed. After this date the Protocol shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following such notification.

Article 5

This Protocol is drawn up in duplicate, in the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek and Italian languages, each of these texts being equally authentic.

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AT	PRODUCT	YEAR	UNIT	EEC	GREECE
1	Cotton yarn, not for sale	1981	T	731	10
		1982		736	11
2	Cotton fabrics	1981	T	13,138	40
		1982		13,171	41
2 a)	of which : other than grey or bleached	1981	T	11,339	35
		1982		11,369	36
3	Fabrics of discontinuous synthetic fibres	1981	T	10,716	16
		1982		10,984	17
3 a)	of which : other than grey or bleached	1981	T	7,180	12
		1982		7,360	13
4	Knitted shirts, singlets, T-shirts, sweater-shirts	1981	1000 p	25,593	92
		1982		26,488	95
5	Jerseys, pull-overs	1981	1000 p	27,346	101
		1982		28,030	104
6	Men's and women's woven trousers and men's shorts/breeches	1981	1000 p	52,104	167
		1982		52,626	169
6 a)	of which : trousers	1981	1000 p	44,353	153
		1982		44,797	155
7	Women's woven and knitted blouses	1981	1000 o	30,934	25
		1982		31,244	26
8	Men's woven shirts	1981	1000 p	49,592	35
		1982		50,089	36
9	Cotton towelling, toilet and kitchen linen of cotton towelling	1981	T	1,316	4
		1982		1,357	5
10+	Knitted gloves	1981	1000 pr	64,503	29
		1982		65,793	30
12	Knitted stockings and socks, other than women's stockings of synth. yarn	1981	1000 pr	7,382	13
		1982		7,678	14
13	Men's and women's knitted underpants, knickers and briefs	1981	1000 p	71,626	40
		1982		73,059	41
14 A	Woven men's coated coats	1981	1000 p	2,692	5
		1982		2,801	6

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AT	PRODUCT	YEAR	UNIT	EEC	
14 B	Men's overcoats, raincoats and other coats, cloaks and capes	1981	1000 p	2,511	3
		1982		2,611	4
15 A	Woven women's coated coats	1981	1000 p	1,197	3
		1982		1,246	4
15 B	Woven women's overcoats, raincoats and other coats, cloaks	1981	1000 p	4,693	7
		1982		4,788	8
16	Men's woven suits	1981	1000 sets	2,301	4
		1982		2,341	5
17	Men's woven jackets and blazers	1981	1000 p	4,118	40
		1982		4,511	31
18	Men's woven underwear other than shirts	1981	T	3,153	2
		1982		3,233	3
19+ 89	Cotton handkerchiefs	1981	1000 p	73,346	264
		1982		74,813	269
20	Bed linen	1981	T	912	6
		1982		931	7
21	Anoraks, windcheaters, men's and women's	1981	1000 p	13,994	15
		1982		14,274	16
22	Yarn of discontinuous synthetic fibres not for retail sale	1981	T	632	9
		1982		658	10
24+ 25	Men's and women's knitted pyjamas and nightdresses	1981	1000 p	6,137	20
		1982		6,322	21
26	Woven and knitted dresses	1981	1000 p	8,628	4
		1982		8,888	5
27	Woven and knitted skirts	1981	1000 p	7,454	13
		1982		7,604	14
28	Knitted trousers	1981	1000 p	2,785	3
		1982		2,925	4
29	Women's woven suits	1981	1000 sets	2,194	3
		1982		2,250	4
30 A	Women's woven pyjamas and nightdresses	1981	1000 p	8,515	8
		1982		8,771	9
30 B ①	Women's other woven underwear	1981	T	81	2
		1982		93	3

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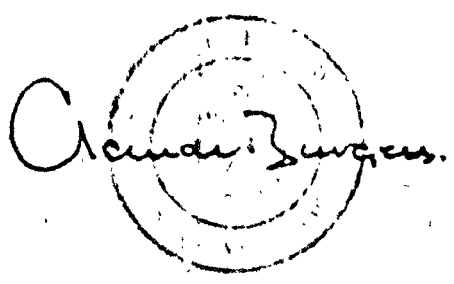
	PRODUCT	YEAR	UNIT	EEC	GREECE
31		1981	1000 p	14,054	12
		1982		14,476	13
32	knitted fabrics of chenille fabrics other than terry fabr.	1981	T	4,962	58
		1982		5,260	62
39	Table linen, table and kitchen linen other than terry fabrics	1981	T	1,109	35
		1982		1,188	38
61	Narrow woven fabrics	1981	T	1,183	3
		1982		1,255	4
68	Babies' under gar- ments of knitted or crocheted fabrics	1981	T	589	2
		1982		625	3
71	Babies' knitted outerwear	1981	T	264	3
		1982		283	4
72	Knitted swimwear	1981	1000 p	10,232	7
		1982		10,744	8
73	Track suits, knitted	1981	1000 sets	1,502	10
		1982		1,608	11
74	Women's knitted suits	1981	1000 sets	884	9
		1982		946	10
76	Woven workwear	1981	T	3,111	25
		1982		3,298	27
78 81	Men's, women's, boy's, girls', infants' woven bath robes etc.	1981	T	7,062	30
		1982		7,486	32
78 with 79	Men's/boy's woven b. robes etc. except cats 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 24	1981	T	3,786	19
		1982		4,013	20
80	and 79 Babies' woven garments	1981	T	775	3
		1982		838	4
82	Under garments, other than babies', knitted or crocheted	1981	T	1,023	2
		1982		1,085	3
83	Other knitted outer- wear	1981	T	2,000	7
		1982		2,141	8
87	Gloves, etc. other than knitted	1981	T	1,312	2
		1982		1,392	3

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Declaration by the Government of Hong Kong

The Government of Hong Kong wishes to put it on record that, in its view, the additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Hong Kong consequent on the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community, shall not constitute a precedent for, and shall be without prejudice to, future negotiations regarding new accessions of Member States to the European Economic Community.

On behalf of the Government of Hong Kong :

A handwritten signature in cursive script, "Alexander Sargent", is written over a circular official seal. The seal contains some illegible text and a central emblem.

Minister for Hong Kong Commercial Relations with the European Communities and the Member States

Brussels, 9 February 1981

