

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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AMENDMENT TO THE
RECOMMENDATION FOR A REGULATION OF THE COUNCIL
concluding an Agreement between the European Economic
Community and Macao on trade in textile products

(submitted to the Council by the Commission, pursuant to
Article 149, para. 2 of the EEC Treaty)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

A recommendation for a Council Regulation concerning the conclusion of an Agreement between the Community and Macao on trade in textile products has been sent by the Commission to the Council dated 23 February 1976 (Doc. COM(76) 32 final) (1).

The Macao authorities have, by the following, expressed the wish that detailed clauses exclude from the application of eventual quantitative restriction, certain textile goods of the cottage industry (as has been provided in most of the similar Agreements negotiated by the Community with other third countries).

Following contacts with the Mission of Portugal and the Macao authorities and in consultation with the Special Article 113 Committee, the text of an article and an Annex referring to it have been drafted; the two parties have agreed to this text.

The texts in question being then part of the above cited Agreement, the procedure for the conclusion of which is already in progress in the Council, it is fitting that the texts be annexed to the Agreement in question.

The Commission then is transmitting to the Council the text of the Article and of the Annex in question (see Annex) in order that the Regulation concerning the conclusion of the Agreement be taken by the Council on the basis of the text of the Agreement then completed.

(1) cf. Doc. S/334/76 (COMER 90)

Article

1. Imports to the Community of the textile products referred to below, originating in Macao, shall be free from quantitative restrictions, if they satisfy one of the following definitions:

- i) cotton handloom fabrics of the cottage industry, containing not more than 5 % by weight of man-made fibres, being fabrics which are both traditionally of the kind woven on handlooms and actually woven on a loom for which the motive power is provided entirely by the operators (that is where the three primary movements of weaving, namely shedding, picking and beating, are induced by hand or foot and no other source of power is used);
- ii) handmade goods made up by the cottage industry from such cotton handloom fabrics;
- iii) jerseysknitted by hand from wool yarns without use of a machine;
- iv) traditional Macao folklore textile products cut, sewn, or otherwise fabricated by hand in cottages which are units of the cottage industry.

2. The admission of these products to the Community, free from quantitative restrictions, shall be subject to the proper functioning of the agreed arrangements concerning certification.

Cottage industry textile products

1. In accordance with Article 12 (3) of the Geneva Arrangement, the Community and Macao agree with Article of the Agreement that, subject to certain conditions, exports from Macao to the Community, of certain cottage industry textile products shall be admitted free from quantitative restrictions. The conditions set out in Article para. ... of the Agreement shall indicate that the admission of these products to the Community, free from quantitative restrictions, shall be subject to the proper functioning of the agreed arrangements concerning certification.

2. The Community and Macao hereby agree that for the implementation of Articleof the Agreement, the model certificate given below shall be used :

"Certificate in respect of cottage industry textile products referred to in Articleof the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Macao on trade in textile products.

Name and address of manufacturer,
Name and address of exporter
Name and address of importer within the Community
Description of goods
Quantity (in tonnes)
Name of vessel or flight number
Port or airport of destination.

This is to certify that the above shipment consists of :

- i) cotton handloom fabrics of the cottage industry, containing not more than 5 % by weight of man-made fibres, being fabrics which are both traditionally of the kind woven on handlooms and actually woven on a loom for which the motive power is provided entirely by the operators (that is where the three primary movements of weaving, namely shedding, picking and beating, are induced by hand or foot and no other source of power is used);
- ii) handmade goods made up by the cottage industry from such cotton handloom fabrics;
- iii) jerseys knitted by hand from wool yarns without use of a machine
- iv) traditional Macao folklore textile products cut, sewn, or otherwise fabricated by hand in cottages which are units of the cottage industry.

3. The issuing authority for the above certificates shall be:

República Provincial de Servicios de Economía - Macao

