

AGREEMENT

in the form of an Exchange of Letters amending the Additional Protocol on trade in textile products between the European Community and the Slovak Republic

Letter from the Council of the European Union

Sir,

1. I have the honour to refer to the negotiations held on 30 November 1995 between our respective Delegations with a view to amending the Additional Protocol on trade in textile products between the European Community and the Slovak Republic, applied since 1 January 1993, as last amended by the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters initialled on 23 November 1994. These negotiations were held in the context of Article 1, paragraph 3 of the aforesaid Additional Protocol.
2. During these negotiations both parties noted with satisfaction the way in which the Additional Protocol has, in general, been implemented.
3. In order to foster the development of further mutually beneficial trade flows it was agreed to amend the Additional Protocol as follows:
 - 3.1. The first subparagraph of Article 2, paragraph 3 of the Protocol is replaced by the following:

‘3. The origin of the products covered by this Protocol shall be determined in accordance with the rules of non-preferential origin in force in the Community.’
 - 3.2. Article 2, paragraph 3 of Appendix A is replaced by the following:

‘The certificate of origin referred to in paragraph 1 above is not required for the importation of goods covered by a movement certificate EUR1 or a form EUR2 issued in conformity with Protocol 4 to the Europe Agreement in cases where those documents clearly establish that the Slovak Republic is to be considered as the country of origin on the basis of the rules on non-preferential origin in force in the Community.’
 - 3.3. Annex II (EU direct quotas) is replaced by Appendix 1 attached.
 - 3.4. The Annex to Appendix B concerning outward processing traffic is replaced by Appendix 2 attached (OPT quotas).
4. I should be obliged if you would kindly confirm the acceptance of your Government of the foregoing. Should this be the case, this letter, completed by its Appendices and your written confirmation, will constitute an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the Community and the Slovak Republic. This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the month following that in which the European Community and the Slovak Republic notify each other that they have completed the necessary internal procedures to this effect. In the meantime, the amendments to the Additional Protocol will apply on a provisional basis from 1 January 1996, provided that they are applied on a reciprocal basis.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

*For the Council
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Appendix 1

ANNEX II

(The full product descriptions of the categories listed in this Annex are to be found in Annex I to the Protocol)

Community quantitative limits

(in tonnes or 1 000 pieces/pairs)

Category	Unit	1996	1997
2	tonnes	3 460	3 529
2a	tonnes	2 154	2 197
3	tonnes	2 224	2 313
4	pieces	3 497	3 637
5	pieces	3 767	3 918
6	pieces(*)	3 396	3 532
7	pieces	1 309	1 361
8	pieces	3 668	3 778
12	pairs	20 101	21 106
15	pieces	1 278	1 342
16	pieces	1 363	1 431
17	pieces	1 348	1 429
20	tonnes	1 896	2 010
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36	tonnes	1 020	1 071
39	tonnes	904	958
76	tonnes	3 290	3 487
90	tonnes	947	1 003
117	tonnes	455	482
118	tonnes	194	206

(*) For the purpose of setting off exports against the agreed quantitative limits a conversion rate of 5 garments (other than babies' garments) of a maximum commercial size of 130 cm, for 3 garments whose commercial size exceeds 130 cm may be applied for up to 5% of the quantitative limits. The export licence concerning these products must bear, in box 9, the words 'The conversion rate for garments of a commercial size of not more than 130 cm must be applied'.

*Appendix 2***ANNEX TO APPENDIX B**

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Category	Unit	1996	1997
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5	pieces	4 310	4 569
6	pieces	4 657	4 936
7	pieces	2 283	2 420
8	pieces	3 434	3 589
12	pairs	9 969	10 717
15	pieces	3 649	3 923
16	pieces	1 437	1 545
17	pieces	1 968	2 145
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