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A. TITEL

*Overeenkomst tussen de Benelux Economische Unie en Hong Kong inzake
de handel in katoenprodukten, met Bijlage;
Hong Kong, 18 november 1968*

B. TEKST

Agreement
between the Benelux Economic Union and Hong Kong Concerning Trade
in Cotton Textiles, Excluding Yarns

Preamble

The Government of the Kingdom of Belgium, acting in its own name and on behalf of the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg according to existing agreements,

and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands,

These Governments acting together under the Treaty establishing the Benelux Economic Union, signed at The Hague on February 3, 1958, on the one hand,

and the Government of Hong Kong on the other,

Desiring to ensure the orderly development of trade in cotton textiles between the Benelux countries and Hong Kong in accordance with the provisions of the Long-term Arrangement of Geneva regarding international trade in cotton textiles (herein after referred to as the Geneva Arrangement), entered into force on October 1, 1962 and extended until September 30, 1970, and in particular Article 4 thereof, which provides for the conclusion of mutually acceptable arrangements,

Have agreed upon the following provisions:

Clause 1

Scope

This Agreement shall apply to cotton textiles of Hong Kong origin and listed in the Annex to this Agreement.

Clause 2

General provisions

(a) For the duration of this Agreement and by virtue of the provisions contained therein or annexed thereto, the Governments of the Benelux countries undertake not to introduce new quantitative restrictions and agree not to invoke the provisions of Article 3 of the Geneva Arrangement as long as imports into the Benelux countries of cotton textiles of Hong Kong origin and despatched from Hong Kong do not exceed the quantities agreed upon.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the provisions of the Geneva Arrangement shall remain in force between the signatory Governments.

(c) The Undertaking of 29 August 1967 by the Hong Kong Government remains in force until the expiry of that Undertaking on 30 September 1968.

(d) The Government of Hong Kong undertake to take the appropriate measures to ensure that the ceilings agreed upon are respected, and to co-operate with the Governments of the Benelux countries in implementing the measures recognised as necessary for this purpose.

Clause 3

Ceilings

(a) *Global ceiling*

The total quantity agreed upon for the period of this Agreement shall be 3153 metric tons.

Since the specific ceilings established under the Undertaking of 29 August 1967, remain in force until 30 September 1968, provision for the export of the products concerned during the period 1 July 1968 to 30 September 1968 is not included in the quantities mentioned in this Clause.

(y) *Ceilings by groups of categories*

The said total quantity shall be apportioned as follows between the two main groups of categories of products:

		Metric tons
Group I	Cotton fabrics, grey or bleached, whether or not mercerised, except pile and chenille fabrics (other than terry fabrics)	600
Group II	Other cotton fabrics, made-up articles and miscellaneous articles of cotton	2553

(c) Specific ceilings

Up to each of the ceilings by groups of categories established under (b) above, specific ceilings will be agreed upon in order to prevent excessive concentration of trade on certain products; these ceilings will be fixed on the basis of the Annex to this Agreement.

(d) If the Governments of the Benelux countries note a rapid and substantial growth in imports of certain products which are not covered by specific ceilings, they may request that a specific ceiling be fixed. Where such a request is made, consultations shall be held without delay with a view to reaching agreement upon a specific ceiling for the product in question.

Clause 4

Transfers

(a) No transfer may be made between the quantity fixed for Group I and that fixed for Group II.

(b) The specific ceilings must not be exceeded; within the framework of ceilings by groups the unused portions of the specific ceilings may be used for the other categories of the group which are not covered by specific ceilings.

Clause 5

Co-operation

(a) The Government of Hong Kong shall use its best efforts to ensure that exports of cotton textiles of all categories are spaced out as regularly as possible over the period of this Agreement, taking seasonal factors in particular into account.

(b) The Signatory Governments agree to exchange all information relating to exports of cotton textiles from Hong Kong to the Benelux countries and to the corresponding imports into these countries.

(c) Each signatory Government shall, for the purposes of this Agreement, apply whatever classification it has available and shall co-operate in facilitating comparison of information thus supplied.

Clause 6

Maintenance of trade patterns

Should the Governments of the Benelux countries inform the Government of Hong Kong that difficulties have arisen, by virtue of this Agreement, regarding the maintenance of existing commercial relations between importers in the Benelux countries and their suppliers in Hong Kong, the signatory Governments shall take all the necessary measures to ensure that these commercial relations are maintained.

Clause 7

Consultations

The signatory Governments undertake to consult each other, at the request of either the Government of Hong Kong or the Governments of the Benelux countries, on any problem arising from the implementation of this Agreement.

Clause 8

Final provisions

(a) As regards the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the present Agreement shall only apply to the territory of the Kingdom situated in Europe.

(b) When the obligations arising from the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and concerning the progressive establishment of a common trade policy should make it necessary, negotiations shall be started within the shortest possible time on any appropriate amendments to the present Agreement.

(c) The present Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature, with retroactive effect from 1 July 1968. It shall remain in force until 31 December 1969.

(d) The Annex to the present Agreement forms an integral part thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned representatives, duly authorised thereto, have signed the present Agreement.

DONE at Hong Kong, this eighteenth day of November 1968, in triplicate, in the English language.

*For the Benelux
Economic Union.*

(sd.) W. P. L. G. DE BOER
(sd.) RAULIER

*For the Hong Kong
Government.*

(sd.) T. D. SORBY

**Agreement Between the Benelux Economic Union and Hong Kong Concerning Trade in Cotton Textiles, Excluding Yarns
Cotton Textile Products Referred to in Clause 1**

Group I: Cotton fabrics, grey or bleached, mercerised or not, except pile and chenille fabrics (other than terry fabrics)

Benelux Category Number	Benelux Description	Hong Kong Export Classification Number	Hong Kong Description
B	COTTON FABRICS, GREY		
B 1	Terry towelling and similar terry fabrics	652 121	Terry fabrics, cotton, grey
B 2	Woven fabrics other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, containing less than 85% by weight of cotton	652 131	Sheeting, cotton, grey
		652 132	Lawns, cotton, grey
B 3	Woven fabrics other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, containing at least 85% by weight of cotton, plain weave, weighing more than 70 but not more than 130 gr. per square meter, of a width more than 115 cm but not more than 165 cm, only with a yarn numbered less than 55.000 m/kg (English number 32)	652 133	Voiles, cotton, grey
		652 134	Poplin and broadcloth, cotton, grey
		652 135	Typewriter ribbon cloth, cotton, grey
B 4	Woven fabrics other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, containing at least 85% by weight of cotton, plain weave, weighing not more than 130 gr. per square meter, other than those under B 3	652 136	Shirting, cotton, grey
		652 139	Twill and sateen, cotton, grey
		652 141	Canvas and ducks, cotton, grey

Benelux Category Number	Benelux Description	Hong Kong Export Classification Number	Hong Kong Description
B 5	Woven fabrics other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, containing at least 85% by weight of cotton, plain weave, weighing more than 130 but not more than 200 gr. per square meter, of a width of at least 85 cm but not more than 115 cm	652 142	Jeans and denims, cotton, grey
		652 143	Oxford cloths, cotton, grey
		652 144	Drills, cotton, grey
B 6	Woven fabrics other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, containing at least 85% by weight of cotton, plain weave, weighing per square meter more than 130 gr. but not more than 200 gr., of a width of more than 115 cm	652 145	Cords (including Bedford and Baby cord) cotton, grey
		652 146	Flannels (including flannelette), cotton, grey
B 7	Woven fabrics other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, containing at least 85% by weight of cotton, of a width at least of 85 cm, other than plain weave	652 147	Osnaburgs, cotton, grey
		652 148	Towelling, not terry, cotton, grey
		652 149	Cotton fabrics, woven, grey, n.e.s.
B 8	Other woven fabrics	652 110	Cotton gauze, grey
C	COTTON FABRICS OTHER THAN GREY		
C 1	Bleached, mercerised or not	ex 652 210	Cotton gauze, other than grey (bleached, mercerised or not)

Benelux Category Number	Benelux Description	Hong Kong Export Classification Number	Hong Kong Description
		ex 652 221	Terry fabrics, cotton, other than grey (bleached, mercerised or not)
		ex 652 242	Towelling, not terry, cotton, other than grey (bleached, mercerised or not)
		ex 652 243	Canvas and ducks, cotton, other than grey (bleached, mercerised or not)
		ex 652 244	Sheeting, cotton, other than grey (bleached, mercerised or not)
		ex 652 245	Lawns, cotton, other than grey (bleached, mercerised or not)
		ex 652 246	Voiles, cotton, other than grey (bleached, mercerised or not)
		ex 652 247	Poplin and broadcloth, cotton, other than grey (bleached, mercerised or not)
		ex 652 251	Shirting, cotton, other than grey (bleached, mercerised or not)
		ex 652 252	Twill and sateen, cotton, other than grey (bleached, mercerised or not)
		ex 652 253	Jeans and denims, cotton, other than grey (bleached, mercerised or not)

Benelux Category Number	Benelux Description	Hong Kong Export Classification Number	Hong Kong Description
		ex 652 254	Oxford cloths, cotton, other than grey (bleached, mercerised or not)
		ex 652 255	Drills, cotton, other than grey (bleached, mercerised or not)
		ex 652 256	Cords (including Bedford and Baby Cord), cotton, other than grey (bleached, mer- cerised or not)
		ex 652 257	Flannels (including flannelette), cotton, other than grey (bleached, mercerised or not)
		ex 652 258	Osnaburgs, cotton, other than grey (bleached, mercerised or not)
		ex 652 299	Cotton fabrics, woven, other than grey, n.e.s. (bleached, mercerised or not)

Group II: Other cotton fabrics, made-up articles and miscellaneous articles of cotton

Benelux Category Number	Benelux Description	Hong Kong Export Classification Number	Hong Kong Description
C	COTTON FABRICS OTHER THAN GREY		
C 2	Gauze other than grey or bleached	ex 652 210	Cotton gauze, other than grey (weighing more than 70 grammes per sq. meter, other than bleached)
C 3	Terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, other than grey or bleached	ex 652 221	Terry fabrics, cotton, other than grey (other than bleached)
C 4	Woven pile fabrics and chenille fabrics (other than terry towelling or similar terry fabrics of cotton falling within Heading No. 55.08 and fabrics falling within Heading No. 58.05)	652 122	Corduroy, cotton, grey
		652 123	Velveteens, cotton, grey
		652 231	Corduroy, cotton, other than grey
		652 232	Velveteens, cotton, other than grey
		652 239	Pile and chenille fabrics, cotton, n.e.s.
C 5	Woven fabrics, other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, dyed	ex 652 242	Towelling, not terry, cotton, other than grey (dyed or printed)
		ex 652 243	Canvas and ducks, cotton, other than grey (dyed or printed)
		ex 652 244	Sheeting, cotton, other than grey (dyed or printed)

Benelux Category Number	Benelux Description	Hong Kong Export Classification Number	Hong Kong Description
		ex 652 245	Lawns, cotton, other than grey (dyed or printed)
		ex 652 246	Voiles, cotton, other than grey (dyed or printed)
		ex 652 247	Poplin and broadcloth, cotton, other than grey (dyed or printed)
		ex 652 251	Shirting, cotton, other than grey (dyed or printed)
		ex 652 252	Twill and sateen, cotton, other than grey (dyed or printed)
		ex 652 253	Jeans and denims, cotton, other than grey (dyed or printed)
		ex 652 254	Oxford cloths, cotton, other than grey (dyed or printed)
		ex 652 255	Drills, cotton, other than grey (dyed or printed)
		ex 652 256	Cords (including Bedford and Baby Cord), cotton, other than grey (dyed or printed)
		ex 652 257	Flannels (including flannelette), cotton, other than grey (dyed or printed)
		ex 652 258	Osnaburgs, cotton, other than grey (dyed or printed)

Benelux Category Number	Benelux Description	Hong Kong Export Classification Number	Hong Kong Description
C 6	Woven fabrics other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, printed	ex 652 299	Cotton fabrics, woven, other than grey, n.e.s. (dyed or printed)
C 7	Woven fabrics other than gauze or terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, made with yarns of various colours	652 241 (and all other yarn-dyed fabrics)	Ginghams, cotton
D	HOUSEHOLD MADE-UP ARTICLES OF COTTON		
D 1	Bed linen	656 905	Bed sheets, cotton, not embroidered
		656 906	Bed sheets, cotton, embroidered
		656 923	Pillow cases, cotton, not embroidered
		656 924	Pillow cases, cotton, embroidered
D 2	Table linen	656 901	Table damasks and manufactures of, cotton, not embroidered
		656 902	Table damasks and manufactures of, cotton, embroidered
D 3	Terry toilet linen and terry kitchen linen	656 917	Dish towels, cotton
		656 919	Towels (other than dish towels), cotton, not embroidered

Benelux Category Number	Benelux Description	Hong Kong Export Classification Number	Hong Kong Descriptions
D 4	Other household articles	656 920	Towels (other than dish towels), cotton, embroidered
		656 909	Bed spreads, cotton, not embroidered
		656 910	Bed spreads, cotton, embroidered
		656 913	Household linen, cotton, not embroidered, n.e.s.
		656 914	Household linen, cotton, embroidered, n.e.s.
		656 929	Made-up curtains, draperies and made-up household articles of textile materials, n.e.s.
		656 999	Made-up articles of textile materials, n.e.s.
E	COTTON CLOTHING		
E 1	Gloves, mittens and mitts, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized	841 411	Gloves and mittens, knitted or crocheted, cotton, pure or mixed
E 2	Undergarments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic or rubberized	841 431	Shirts, knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton

Benelux Category Number	Benelux Description	Hong Kong Export Classification Number	Hong Kong Description
E 3	Outer garments and other articles, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized. Knitted or crocheted articles, elastic or rubberized, other than fabrics	841 439	Undergarments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized, wholly or mainly of cotton, men's and boys' wear
		841 442	Undergarments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized, wholly or mainly of cotton, women's and girls' wear
		841 445	Night garments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized, wholly or mainly of cotton, men's and boys' wear
		841 448	Night garments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized, wholly or mainly of cotton, women's and girls' wear
		841 451	Under garments and night garments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized, wholly or mainly of cotton, infants' wear
		841 433	Swimming suits and trunks, knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, men's and boys' wear
		841 436	Swimming suits and trunks, knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, women's and girls' wear

Benelux Category Number	Benelux Description	Hong Kong Export Classification Number	Hong Kong Description
		841 461	Jackets, jumpers, sweaters, cardigans and pullovers, knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, men's and boy's wear
		841 464	Jackets, jumpers, sweaters, cardigans and pullovers, knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, women's and girls' wear
		841 467	Skirts, dresses, frocks, gowns and house-coats, knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, women's and girls' wear
		841 470	Romper, sunsuits and overalls, knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, children's wear
		841 473	Slacks, shorts, jeans and trousers, knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, men's and boys' wear
		841 476	Slacks, shorts, jeans and trousers, knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, women's and girls' wear
		841 479	Outer garments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized, wholly or mainly of cotton, men's and boys' wear, n.e.s.

Benelux Category Number	Benelux Description	Hong Kong Export Classification Number	Hong Kong Description
E 4	Woven trousers and breeches, for men and boys	841 482	Outer garments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized, wholly or mainly of cotton, women's and girls' wear, n.e.s.
		841 485	Outer garments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized, wholly or mainly of cotton, infants' wear
		841 488	Blouses, knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, women's and girls' wear
		ex 841 125	Outer garments of rubberized fabric or oiled and similar impermeable materials (excluding plastic), men's and boys' wear (other than woven)
		ex 841 157	Outer garments of rubberized fabric or oiled and similar impermeable materials (excluding plastic), women's and girls' wear (other than woven)
		ex 841 159	Outer garments of rubberized fabric or oiled and similar impermeable materials (excluding plastic), infants' wear (other than woven)
		841 117	Slacks, shorts, jeans and trousers, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, men's and boys' wear

Benelux Category Number	Benelux Description	Hong Kong Export Classification Number	Hong Kong Description
E 5	Other woven outer garments for men and boys	841 111	Suits, jackets, uniforms and coats, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, men's and boys' wear
		841 114	Overalls and pinafores, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, men's and boys' wear
		841 120	Outer garments, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, men's and boys' wear, n.e.s.
		841 123	Raincoats, wholly or mainly of cotton, not rubberized, men's and boys' wear
		ex 841 125	Outer garments of rubberized fabric or oiled and similar impermeable materials (excluding plastic), men's and boys' wear (cotton, not knitted or crocheted)
		841 124	Car coats, wholly or mainly of cotton, not rubberized, men's and boys' wear
		841 165	Swimming suits and trunks, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, men's and boys' wear
E 6	Woven outer garments for women, girls and infants	841 134	Skirts, dresses, frocks, gowns and house-coats, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, women's and girls' wear

Benelux Category Number	Benelux Description	Hong Kong Export Classification Number	Hong Kong Description
		841 137	Blouses and jumpers, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, not embroidered, women's and girls' wear
		841 140	Blouses and jumpers, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, embroidered, women's and girls' wear
		841 131	Coats, cloaks, costumes and two or three piece suits, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, women's and girls' wear
		841 143	Overalls and pinafores, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, women's and girls' wear
		841 146	Slacks, shorts, jeans and trousers, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, women's and girls' wear
		841 149	Outer garments, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, women's and girls' wear, n.e.s.
		841 152	Outer garments, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, infants' wear
		841 155	Raincoats, wholly or mainly of cotton, not rubberized, women's and girls' wear

Benelux Category Number	Benelux Description	Hong Kong Export Classification Number	Hong Kong Description
E 7	Shirts and bodices for men and boys	841 156	Car coats, wholly or mainly of cotton, not rubberized, women's and girls' wear
		841 181	Swimming suits and trunks, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, women's and girls' wear
		ex 841 157	Outer garments of rubberized fabric or oiled and similar impermeable materials (excluding plastic), women's and girls' wear (cotton, not knitted or crocheted)
		ex 841 159	Outer garments of rubberized fabric or oiled and similar impermeable materials (excluding plastic), infants' wear (cotton, not knitted or crocheted)
		841 161	Shirts (other than dress shirts), not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton
E 8	Other woven undergarments for men and boys	841 163	Dress shirts, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton
		841 167	Under garments, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, men's and boys' wear
		841 170	Night garments, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, men's and boys' wear

Benelux Category Number	Benelux Description	Hong Kong Export Classification Number	Hong Kong Description
E 9	Woven undergarments for women, girls and infants	841 183	Under garments, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, women's and girls' wear
		841 186	Night garments, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, women's and girls' wear
		841 189	Diapers (baby napkins)
		841 190	Under garments and night garments, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton, infants' wear
E 10	Handkerchiefs	841 211	Handkerchiefs, wholly or mainly of cotton, not embroidered
		841 212	Handkerchiefs, wholly or mainly of cotton, embroidered
E 11	Other articles of apparel and clothing accessories	841 221	Shawls, stoles and veils, not knitted or crocheted
		841 222	Scarves, mufflers and armbands, not knitted or crocheted
		841 230	Neckties, bow ties and cravats
		841 240	Collars, cuffs, jabots and similar accessories and trimmings

Benelux Category Number	Benelux Description	Hong Kong Export Classification Number	Hong Kong Description
		841 251	Corsets, corset belts and girdles, cotton (including such articles of knitted or crocheted fabric), whether or not elastic
		841 253	Suspenders, braces and garters, cotton (including such articles of knitted or crocheted fabric), whether or not elastic
		841 261	Gloves and mittens, not knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton fabric
		841 264	Stockings and socks, not knitted or crocheted (except elastic), wholly or mainly of cotton
		821 291	Brassieres, wholly or mainly of cotton
		ex 841 295	Belts for apparel of textile materials (cotton)
		ex 841 299	Clothing accessories of textile materials, n.e.s. (cotton)
		841 421	Stockings and socks, knitted or crocheted, wholly or mainly of cotton
		ex 841 520	Hats, caps and other handgear, plaited (cotton)

Benelux Category Number	Benelux Description	Hong Kong Export Classification Number	Hong Kong Description
		ex 841 531	Hats, caps and other headgear, knitted or crocheted (cotton)
		841 532	Hats, caps and other headgear, of cotton fabric
F	MISCELLANEOUS COTTON FABRICS AND MADE-UP ARTICLES		
F 1	Travelling rugs and blankets	656 620	Blankets, travelling rugs and coverlets of cotton
F 2	Floor-cloths, dish-cloths, dusters, and the like	656 103	Cotton mesh bags
F 3	Pneumatic mattresses	ex 656 109	Bags and sacks of textile materials, n.e.s. (cotton)
F 4	Others	656 200	Tarpaulins, tents, awnings, sails and other made-up canvas goods
		ex 841 293	Watch straps of textile materials (cotton)

G. INWERKINGTREDING

De bepalingen van de Overeenkomst zijn ingevolge het gestelde in bepaling 8, onder (c), op 18 november 1968 met terugwerkende kracht te rekenen van 1 juli 1968 af in werking getreden, voor de periode eindigende op 31 december 1969.

Ingevolge de op 29 juni 1968 te Hong Kong gewisselde nota's (zie rubriek J hieronder) is de Overeenkomst van 1 juli 1968 af voorlopig toegepast.

Wat het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden betreft, geldt de Overeenkomst ingevolge bepaling 8, onder (a), alleen voor Nederland.

J. GEGEVENS

Van het op 3 februari 1958 te 's-Gravenhage tot stand gekomen Verdrag tussen het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden, het Koninkrijk België en het Groothertogdom Luxemburg tot instelling van de Benelux Economische Unie, naar welk Verdrag in de preambule tot de onderhavige Overeenkomst wordt verwezen, is de tekst geplaatst in *Trb.* 1958, 18. Zie ook *Trb.* 1960, 124.

Van de op 9 februari 1962 te Genève tot stand gekomen Langlopende Regeling betreffende de internationale handel in katoenprodukten, naar welke Regeling in de preambule tot de onderhavige Overeenkomst wordt verwezen, is de Engelse tekst geplaatst in *Trb.* 1963, 163. Zie ook *Trb.* 1967, 177.

Van het op 1 mei 1967 te Genève tot stand gekomen Protocol tot verlenging van de Langlopende Regeling betreffende de internationale handel in katoenprodukten is de Engelse tekst geplaatst in *Trb.* 1967, 165.

Van het op 25 maart 1957 te Rome tot stand gekomen Verdrag tot oprichting van de Europese Economische Gemeenschap, naar welke Gemeenschap in bepaling 8 (b) van de onderhavige Overeenkomst wordt verwezen, is de Nederlandse tekst geplaatst in *Trb.* 1957, 91. Zie ook, laatstelijk, *Trb.* 1962, 104. Vergelijk ook *Trb.* 1965, 130 en *Trb.* 1967, 97.

Bij gelegenheid van de parafering van de onderhavige Overeenkomst op 29 juni 1968 te Hong Kong werden brieven tussen de delegatievoorzitters gewisseld inzake de voorlopige toepassing van de Overeenkomst. De tekst van deze brieven luidt als volgt:

Nr. I

Hong Kong, 29th June, 1968.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the negotiations held between representatives of the Benelux and Hong Kong Governments in June 1968 leading to the initialling of the Agreement Between the Benelux Economic

Union and Hong Kong Concerning Trade in Cotton Textiles, Excluding Yarns. We agreed that, pending the formal signature of the Agreement as provided for in Clause 8(c) thereof, the Agreement will be applied provisionally with effect from 1 July 1968.

2. I should be grateful for your confirmation of this arrangement.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sd.) D. H. JORDAN

Chairman, Hong Kong Delegation

(D. H. Jordan)

Mr. R. Verhagen,

Chairman, Benelux Delegation.

Nr. II

Hong Kong, 29th June, 1968.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date reading as follows:

(zoals in Nr. I)

2. I have the honour to confirm this arrangement.

(sd.) R. VERHAGEN

Chairman, Benelux Delegation

(R. Verhagen)

Mr. D. H. Jordan,

Chairman, Hong Kong Delegation.

Uitgegeven de achtentwintigste februari 1969.

De Minister van Buitenlandse Zaken,

J. LUNS.