Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment of the Bilateral Agreement between the United States and China

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from the United States of a further amendment of its bilateral agreement with China. New restraints were agreed on Categories 434, 605-T (sewing thread), 651 and 652; a second swing was provided with Category 652 from Category 352; the parties understood that the United States had rescinded the requests for consultations made under the provisions of the agreement on Categories 369-S, 638 and 644 and that flannel fabric was excluded from the restraint on Category 320-print cloth.1

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures regarding notifications under Article 4,2 has examined the relevant documentation and is forwarding the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.

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1 The original agreement, an agreed visa system and previous modifications are contained in COM.TEX/SB/896, 951, 1025, 1130 and 1140. At the time of the notification of the agreement, China was not a participating country.

2 See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B

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UNITED STATES AND CHINA
AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and China exchanged notes in Washington, D.C. on February 5, 1986 and February 12, 1986, respectively, to amend their bilateral textile agreement. Texts of the notes follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE

Washington
February 5, 1986

Excellency:

I have the honour to refer to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, with annexes, done at Geneva on December 20, 1973 and extended by protocol on December 14, 1977 and December 22, 1981 at Geneva (the Arrangement), and to the Agreement between the People's Republic of China and the United States of America relating to Trade in Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fibre Textiles and Textile Products, effected by exchange of notes in Beijing on August 19, 1983, as amended (the Agreement). I also refer to recent discussions held in Washington, D.C. between representatives of our two Governments.

I have the honour to propose, on behalf of my Government, that Annex B of the Agreement be amended to include the following Specific Limits:

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<td>434</td>
<td>Dozen</td>
<td>11,700</td>
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<td>605-T (thread) (TSUSA 310,9500 with 5 per cent carry forward)</td>
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<td>651 (Blanket sleepers)</td>
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<td>652</td>
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In addition, the limit listed above for Category 652 may be increased by special swing of 5 per cent, provided that an equal quantity in square yards equivalent is deducted from the restraint in the same year for Category 352.

The United States rescinds its requests for consultations on Categories 369-S, 638 and 644, but reserves its rights to recall these Categories pursuant to the terms of the Agreement.

Until otherwise agreed, flannel fabric in Category 320 will not be subject to the limit for Category 320-Print cloth but rather to the provisions of paragraph 8 of the Agreement.
If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of the People's Republic of China, this note and the Embassy's note of confirmation shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

(signed)

CHINA NOTE

Washington
February 12, 1986

Dear Mr. Monroe:

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note dated February 5, 1986 relating to the proposed amendment to the Textile Agreement between our two countries.

I have the honour to confirm on behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of China that the proposed amendment conforms with the understanding of my Government and agree that your note and this note shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement between our two countries.

Accept the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

For the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China:

(signed)