ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment of the Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Hong Kong

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from the United States of a further amendment of their bilateral agreement with Hong Kong, consequent to a reclassification in the United States category system. Pullover jackets were reclassified from Categories 359 and 659 into Categories 334, 335, 634 and 635; the specific limits on the last four Categories were adjusted accordingly.

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures regarding notifications under Article 4, 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 bilateral agreement and previous modifications are contained in COM.TEX/SB/818, 888, 910, 945, 946, 968, 1026, 1057 and 1145.
2 See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B
* English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente
The United States and Hong Kong exchanged letters in Washington to effect amendment to their bilateral agreement. Texts of the letters follow:

UNITED STATES LETTER

Hong Kong
February 12, 1986

Mr. Robert C.L. Footman
Assistant Director
Trade Department
Ocean Centre
Kowloon
Hong Kong

Dear Robert:

I have been requested by my authorities in Washington to convey the following to you on amendment of the United States-Hong Kong Bilateral Textile Agreement.

"I have the honour to refer to the arrangement regarding international trade in textiles (hereinafter referred to as the arrangement), done at Geneva on December 20, 1973 as extended by the protocol adopted on December 22, 1981. The United States proposes that with effect from January 1, 1986, cotton and man-made fibre pullover jackets exported to the United States under Categories 359 should be reclassified into Categories 334, 335, and man-made fibre pullover jackets under Category 659 should be reclassified into Categories 634 and 635. The United States also proposes that the specific limits for 1986 and 1987 for the following Categories, as set out in Annex A of the bilateral agreement should be amended as follows:

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If this proposal is acceptable to your Government, this letter and your letter of acceptance shall constitute an amendment to the agreement."

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

Richard W. Mueller
Chief,
Economic Section
Mr. Richard W. Mueller  
Chief  
Economic Section  
American Consulate General  
26 Garden Road  
Hong Kong  

Dear Richard,

Thank you for your letter of 12 February 1986 proposing with effect from 1 January 1986 certain reclassification arrangements for cotton and man-made fibre pullover jackets and certain amendments to Annex A of the United States/Hong Kong bilateral textile Agreement of 23 June 1982.

On behalf of the Government of Hong Kong, I have the honour to accept the amendments as proposed by the Government of the United States.

I further confirm that the proposals in your letter together with this reply shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement and will enter into force with effect from 1 January 1986.

Yours sincerely  

(signed)  

R.C.L. Footman  
for Director of Trade