ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Amendment of the Bilateral Agreement
Between the United States and Bangladesh

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from the United States of a further amendment of its bilateral agreement with Bangladesh. The specific limits on Categories 338/339, 342/642, 638/639 and 645/646 were extended for the period 1 February 1990 to 31 January 1993.¹

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures regarding notifications made under Article 4,² has examined the relevant documentation and is forwarding the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.³

¹The bilateral agreement and previous amendments and/or extensions are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1158, 1232, 1280, 1319, 1351, 1536 and 1566.
²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.
³For the TSB’s observation of this notification see COM.TEX/SB/1573.

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Textiles Division
Public Release

United States Department of State
Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs
Washington, D. C.

31 July 1990

UNITED STATES AND BANGLADESH EXTEND AND AMEND
BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Bangladesh extended and amended their bilateral textile agreement. Texts of the notes follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE

The Department of State refers the Embassy of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh to the bilateral textile agreement (the Agreement) effected by exchange of notes dated August 18 and October 9, 1987 and thereafter amended, and the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, done in Geneva on December 20, 1973. The Department also refers to consultations on Agreement held in Dhaka in September 1989 and in Washington in November 1989.

The Department of State proposes that the Agreement be extended through January 31, 1993 and amended to include the specific limits contained in Annex A. This would be in addition to the limits already agreed and continuing on force in other categories. Flexibility provisions would remain unchanged. The Department further proposes that the yarn-dyed sublimit for Category 340/640 be expanded from its present level of 32.5 per cent to a level of 37 per cent of the overall category.

If the foregoing proposal are acceptable to the Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, then this Note and the Embassy’s Note of confirmation shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Department of State
Washington, 26 January 1990

ANNEX A

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<td>342/642 Skirts</td>
<td>240,271 dz.</td>
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BANGLADESH NOTE

Ministry of Commerce
Government of the
People's Republic of Bangladesh

Dhaka

No. COM/TEX/DC/9/89/Part-II/134

NOTE VERBALE

The Ministry of Commerce, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh presents its compliments to the esteemed Embassy of the United States of America in Dhaka and has the honour to refer to the bilateral textile agreement (the Agreement) effected by exchange of Notes dated August 18 and October 9, 1987, and thereafter amended, and the arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles, done in Geneva on December 20, 1973. The Ministry of Commerce also refers to consultations on the Agreement held in Dhaka in September 1989 and in Washington in November-December, 1989 and also to US Department of State Note Verbale dated January 26, 1990.

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh wishes to confirm that the US Note Verbale of January 26 1990 correctly reflects the understanding reached between the two Governments during consultations held in Washington D. C. in November-December 1989.

The Ministry of Commerce, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the esteemed Embassy of the United States of America in Dhaka the assurances of its highest consideration.

Dated, Dhaka May 13, 1990

Embassy of the
United States of America in Dhaka,
Bangladesh