ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Amendments to an Agreement Between the United States and Malaysia

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification from the United States regarding certain amendments to its bilateral agreement with Malaysia concerning trade in textiles.

The TSB, pursuant to its procedure regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article 4, has examined the relevant documentation and is circulating the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.

1/ For details of the agreement see document COM.TEX/SB/128.
2/ See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.
THE UNITED STATES AND MALAYSIA
AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Malaysia exchanged notes on 9 and 25 February, to amend the existing bilateral textile agreement on trade in cotton, wool and man-made fibre textiles between the two countries. The texts of the notes follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE

9 February 1977

Dear Mr. Minister:

I have the honour to refer to the Bilateral Agreement of 16 May 1975, between our two Governments (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement) relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fibre textiles, and to recent discussions between our two Governments held in Kuala Lumpur on 28-29 April 1976.

I have further the honour, as a result of these discussions to propose the following amendment to the Agreement.

1. Annex B shall be amended as follows:

   A. The description for Category 62 shall be revised to read as follows:

       62 Other knitted or crocheted clothing excluding knit shirts and blouses Lb. 4.6

   B. Between Category 62 and 63, a new sub-category shall be listed as follows:

       62 (part) Knit shirts and blouses

   C. The description for Category 22\(\textbf{4}\) shall be revised to read as follows:

       22\(\textbf{4}\) Other wearing apparel, knit, whether or not ornamented, excluding knit tops and vests Lb. 7.8

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D. Between Category 224 and 225, a new sub-category shall be listed as follows:

224 (part) Knit tops and vests

Doz. 15.69

2. Annex A shall be amended by the addition of the following:

"For the second agreement year of the new agreement beginning 1 January 1976, the following consultation levels in excess of those stated in paragraph 8 shall apply."

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<th>Unit</th>
<th>Square yards equivalent</th>
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<td>48</td>
<td>20,000 dozen</td>
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<td>52</td>
<td>68,823 dozen</td>
<td>1,000,000</td>
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<td>55</td>
<td>19,608 dozen</td>
<td>1,000,000</td>
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<td>62</td>
<td>326,087 pounds</td>
<td>1,500,000</td>
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<td>(excluding knit shirts and blouses)</td>
<td>(Provided that no more than 500,000 square yards may be used for products other than mufflers and shawls)</td>
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<td>121</td>
<td>44,444 numbers</td>
<td>200,000</td>
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<td>223</td>
<td>93,750 dozen</td>
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<td>224</td>
<td>192,308 pounds</td>
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<td>228</td>
<td>68,823 dozen</td>
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3. In addition to the specific limits established in paragraph 4 of the Agreement as adjusted by paragraph 6, the following specific limits will apply beginning in the second agreement year:

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<td>41/42/43/62 (part)</td>
<td>Knit shirts and blouses, cotton</td>
<td>345,590 doz.</td>
<td>2,500,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>218/219/224 (part)</td>
<td>Knit shirts and tops, man-made fibre</td>
<td>212,488 doz.</td>
<td>2,500,000</td>
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Imports will be charged to the combined category 213/219/224, part specific limit in both dozens and square yards equivalents; the conversion factors established in Annex B for each category and part category in the combined category shall apply.

If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of Malaysia, this letter and your letter of confirmation on behalf of the Government of Malaysia shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments which will enter into force on the date of your reply of acceptance.

Sincerely,

(signed) Francis T. Underhill, Jr.
Ambassador

MALAYSIAN NOTE

25 February 1977

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 9 February 1977 regarding the proposed amendments to the Bilateral Textile Agreement of 16 May 1975 and have the further honour to inform you that your proposal is acceptable to the Government of Malaysia.

Sincerely,

(signed) Datuk Hj. Hamzah B. Hj. Abu Samah
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