ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment to a Bilateral Agreement Between the
United States and the Philippines

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification from the United States regarding an amendment to its bilateral agreement with the Philippines concerning trade in textiles. The validity of the agreement covers the period ending 31 December 1978.

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/154.
2 See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.
UNITED STATES AND REPUBLIC OF PHILIPPINES
AMEND TEXTILE AGREEMENT

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

UNITED STATES NOTE

Excellency:

I refer to the Bilateral Agreement of 15 October 1975 on trade in cotton, wool and man-made fibre textile products between our two Governments (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement). I also refer to recent discussions between representatives of our two Governments in Manila. As a result of these discussions, I propose that the Agreement be amended as follows:

Paragraph 5 is amended as follows:

A. Traditional Categories - the specific limit for Category 221 is revised to 140,391 dozens.

B. Non-Traditional Categories -

1. Category 219 is replaced by Category 218/219/224 (part) - knit tops which shall have a specific limit of 530,438 dozens (3,326,298 square yards equivalent). Category 224 (part) - Knit tops is composed of TSUSA numbers 382.0455 and 382.7879. The conversion factor for 224 (part) knit tops is 15.69 square yards per dozen.

2. Category 221 is added with a specific limit of 52,022 dozens.

3. The specific limit for Category 224 (part, other than knit tops) is revised to 863,840 lbs.

4. Category 235 is replaced by Category 234/235, which shall have a specific limit of 61,946 dozens.
Annex A is amended as follows:

A. Traditional Categories - The consultation level for Category 22\(\frac{1}{4}\) (part) shall be revised to 705,217 dozens.

B. Non-Traditional Categories - For the second agreement year only, Categories 42, 43 and 62 (part) shall together be subject to a consultation level of 481,500 dozens. Category 62 (part) includes TSUSA numbers 380.0027, 382.0002, 382.0026, 382.0605, 382.0610. The conversion factor for 62 (part) is 7.234 square yards per dozen. In the third agreement year, each of these Categories will be subject to the respective consultation level established for it in the first agreement year.

If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, this note and your note of confirmation on behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

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

(signed) Lee T. Stull
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

H.E. Carlos P. Romulo,
Secretary of Foreign Affairs,
Department of Foreign Affairs,
Manila.

The Embassy of the United States of America
Manila, 1 June 1977
PHILIPPINE NOTE

Manila, 23 June 1977

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note of 1 June 1977 which reads as follows:

See United States Note

I have further the honour to confirm on behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines the agreement set forth in your Note.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you the assurances of my high consideration.

(signed) Carlos P. Romulo
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

Mr. Lee T. Stull
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim
Embassy of the United States of America
Manila.
UNITED STATES NOTE

Excellency:

I refer to the Bilateral Agreement of 15 October 1975 (as amended) on trade in cotton, wool, and man-made fibre textiles between our two Governments (hereafter referred to as the Agreement). I also refer to recent discussions between representatives of our two Governments held in Geneva. As a result of these discussions, I propose that the Agreement be amended as follows.

1. Delete the first sentence of paragraph 1 and insert the following: "The term of this Agreement shall be from 1 October 1975 through 31 December 1978. The first Agreement period shall be from 1 October 1975 through 30 September 1976. The second Agreement period shall be from 1 October 1976 through 31 December 1977. The third Agreement period shall be from 1 January 1978 through 31 December 1978."

2. Add the following clause to paragraph 4: to the third paragraph of paragraph 7(A) and to paragraph 7(C): "Except that for the second Agreement period only, each of the above-mentioned consultation levels (including those listed in Annex A) is increased by 25 per cent."

3. Paragraph 6 is revised to read as follows:

In the second Agreement period, the aggregate, group and specific limits shall be increased by 35.6225 per cent over the applicable limits for the first Agreement period. For the third Agreement period, the aggregate, group and specific limits shall be 85.6 per cent of the applicable limits for the second Agreement period.

4. Paragraph 10(B) is revised to read as follows:

10(B) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, the following limits shall apply for the second Agreement period only:

(1) 49 and 63 part (coats) together shall be subject to a specific limit of 72,150 dozen.

(2) Categories 50 and 51 together shall be subject to a specific limit of 271,245 dozen. Exports in either sub-category shall not exceed 169,528 dozen.

(3) The specific limit for category 229 may be exceeded by up to 24,005 dozen, provided that the limit for category 237 is reduced by the number of dozen by which category 229 shipments exceed the applicable limit, as adjusted for swing and any available carryover.
5. Annex A is amended as follows for the second Agreement period only:

   (1) Categories 41, 42, 43 and 62 (part-knit tops) together shall be subject to a consultation level of 722,831 dozen.

   (3) Category 63 non-traditional shall be subject to a consultation level of 915,879 pounds.

6. Hand-plied or braided and hand tied macramé handicraft articles, not combined with woven or knit material (except if such material is used for non-essential decorative and ornamental purposes only), will be exempt from the levels of the Agreement. This exemption will not apply to macramé apparel items. The two Governments will develop appropriate administrative arrangements to implement this exemption.

   If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, this Note and your Note of confirmation on behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

   Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration

   (signed) Lee T. Stull
   Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

H.E. Carlos P. Romulo,
Secretary of Foreign Affairs,
Department of Foreign Affairs,
Manila.

The Embassy of the United States of America,
Manila, 25 July 1977
PHILIPPINE NOTE

Manila, 28 July 1977

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note of 25 July 1977 which reads as follows:

See United States Note

I have further the honour to confirm on behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines the agreement set forth in your Note.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you the assurances of my high consideration.

(signed) Carlos P. Romulo
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

Mr. Lee T. Stull
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Manila.