ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment to the Bilateral Agreement between
the United States and Malaysia

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from the United States a notification of an amendment to its Article 4 agreement with Malaysia.1/

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

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1/ For original agreement and previous amendments, see COM.TEX/SB/358, 401, 490, 529, 569 and 617.

2/ See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.
The United States and Malaysia exchanged letters dated December 30, 1980 and January 20, 1981 to amend the existing bilateral textile agreement. The texts of the letters follow:

UNITED STATES LETTER

30 December 1980

Mr. Abdul Rahman
Assistant Trade Commissioner
Embassy of Malaysia
Trade Office
600 Third Avenue, Third Floor
New York, New York 10016

Dear Mr. Rahman,

I refer to paragraph 6 of the Agreement between the United States and Malaysia relating to Trade in Cotton, Wool, and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products, effected by exchange of notes on May 17 and June 8, 1978 as amended ("the Agreement").

On behalf of my Government, I have the honor to propose that for the 1980 Agreement Year the consultation level for Category 339 be increased by 157,999 sye to a level of 1,116,000 sye and that the consultation level for category 338 be decreased by 187,999 sye to a level of 1,311,999 sye.

If this proposal is acceptable to your Government, this letter and your letter of confirmation shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Sincerely,

/s/ Harry Kopp

Harry Kopp
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Trade and Commercial Affairs
Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs
20 January 1981

Mr. Harry Kopp
Deputy Assistant Secretary
For Trade and Commercial Affairs
Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs
Department of State
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Mr. Kopp:

I refer to paragraph 6 of the Agreement between the United States and Malaysia relating to trade in Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products, effected by exchange of notes on May 17 and June 8, 1978 as amended ("the Agreement").

On behalf of my Government, I have the honour to accept that the consultation level for CAT 339 be increased by 187,999 sye to a level of 1,116,000 sye and that the consultation level for CAT 538 be decreased by 187,999 sye to a level of 1,311,999 sye. Your letter dated January 8, 1981 and this letter should constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

As for the 1981 Agreement year, I would appreciate very much if you could furnish us with the amount of quota available for category 339 in square yard equivalent for 1981 period.

The Government of Malaysia views with great concern regarding the discrepancies arise as a result of technical problem of various categories of textile which have disrupted the flow of export of Malaysian textile products to this country from time to time as a result of a substantial amount of consignment being embargoed at the port of entry. In view of the recurring events, I wish to request on behalf of my Government for a review of US classification mechanism in order to rule out any possibility of discrepancies in export figures or wrong categorization which probably has also occurred at your end.

Sincerely yours,

(ABDUL RAHMAN MAMAT)
For Commercial Attaché