ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4
Modification to the Bilateral Agreement between
the United States and Hong Kong

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from the United States a notification concerning the modification of its bilateral agreement with Hong Kong by the establishment of a new specific limit pursuant to consultations under Article 9 thereof.

The TSB, pursuant to its procedure regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article 42, has examined the relevant documentation and is forwarding the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.

1/ The original agreement and previous amendments or modifications are contained in COM.TEX/SB/321, 393, 413, 438, 488, 563, 663 and 700.

2/ See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.
Pursuant to our discussions in the TSB last summer, I herewith list the category for which a limit was set with Hong Kong pursuant to paragraph 9 of the United States-Hong Kong bilateral during the 1981 agreement year; a specific limit has also been established for this category for the 1982 agreement year.

The category concerned was 633/634 (coats, M and B) and the level set was 294,211 dozen. Hong Kong has elected, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 9(e) IV of the bilateral, to convert this level into a specific limit for the 1982 agreement year, at a level of 307,460 dozen (i.e., an increase of 4.5 percent).

As I have noted previously, these limitations are considered by the two governments to be established under the implementation procedures of paragraph 9 and, hence, are not, technically, amendments thereto. However, since the limits do modify the agreement within the context of Article 4, paragraph 4, of the MFA, they are being so notified.

Sincerely,

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