ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 8:4

United States/Macao: Establishment of an Export Visa System

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from the United States a notification of an export visa system for textile products covered by the bilateral agreement between the United States and Macao. This notification is made pursuant to the provisions of Article 8:4 of the Arrangement.

The TSB is circulating this notification to participating countries for their information.

1 The bilateral agreement under Article 4 of the MFA between the United States and Macao is contained in document COM.TEX/SB/558.
August 28, 1981

UNITED STATES AND MACAU
ESTABLISH TEXTILE VISA SYSTEM

The United States and Macau exchanged letters dated August 21, 1981 to establish a visa system covering exports to the United States of cotton, wool and man-made fiber apparel products manufactured in Macau. The texts of the letters follow:

UNITED STATES LETTER

August 21, 1981

Manuel Alexandre de Oliveria
Correia da Silva
Inspector da Actividades Economicas
Reparticao dos Servicos de Economia
Macao

Dear Mr. C. Silva:

I propose on behalf of my Government that the following visa system be established, in lieu of the visa system established by exchange of letters dated June 23 and July 5, 1973 for exports to the United States of cotton, wool, and man-made apparel products from Macao.
1. Each commercial shipment of apparel products subject to the terms of the Agreement and not covered by paragraph two of this letter shall be visaed by your Government before entry for consumption into the United States ("Entry").

2. Merchandise for the personal use of the importer, and not for resale, does not require a visa for Entry.

3. A shipment shall be visaed by the placing of an original stamped marking (the visa) in blue ink on the front of the invoice (Special Customs Invoice Form 5515, successor document, or commercial invoice when such form is used). Each visa shall include its number and date and the signature of the issuing official. A visa shall also state the correct category and quantity in the shipment in applicable category units. Attachment one is a facsimile of the visa.

4. Your Government shall give my Government originals in duplicate of the visa stamped markings and of the signatures of the officials authorized to issue and sign them, which shall not exceed five. Your Government shall notify my Government in advance of any changes in the stamps or of authorized officials and shall provide originals in duplicate of the new stamped markings and of any newly authorized officials' signatures.

5. Upon receipt of the authorized visa stamps and signatures, my Government shall publish a notice in the Federal Register regarding the visa system established herein. The Federal Register Notice shall include the date the system becomes effective which shall be about six weeks following publication of the notice. My Government shall inform your Government of the exact date as soon as it is determined.

6. Subject to paragraph 3, any shipment which is not accompanied by a valid and correct visa in accordance with the foregoing provisions shall be denied entry by my Government on and after the effective date specified in the Federal Register Notice unless your Government specifically authorizes entry and appropriate charges to agreement levels. Notwithstanding this provision, entry may be permitted if the quantity indicated on the export visa exceeds that of the shipment.
7. Either Government may terminate, in whole or in part, this administrative arrangement by giving ninety days' written notice to the other.

If the foregoing is acceptable to your Government, this letter and your letter of acceptance on behalf of your Government shall constitute an administrative arrangement between our two governments.

Sincerely

Ruth Miles Henderson
Acting Chief, Textiles Division
Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs
August 21, 1981

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Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs
Department of State

Dear Ms. Henderson:

I refer to your letter of August 21, 1981 concerning the establishment of a new visa system.

I am pleased to confirm that my Government accepts your proposal.

Sincerely,

Manuel Alexandre de Oliveira
Correia da Silva
Inspector das Actividades Economicas Reparticao dos Servicos de Economia
Macau