ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment of the Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Japan

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States of a further amendment of the Article 4 bilateral agreement between the United States and Japan. Restraints have been agreed between the parties for Categories 334, 337, 611 and 644.

The bilateral agreement and a previous amendment are contained in COM.TEX/SB/795 and 1001.

*English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente.
The Honorable
Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
GATT
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1211 Geneva

Dear Ambassador Raffaelli:

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 4 of Article 4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I am instructed by my government to inform the Textiles Surveillance Body that new restraints have been agreed upon for four products pursuant to the consultation procedures set out in paragraph four of the cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan.

These new restraints which are set out in attachments to this letter were sought in order to address a real risk of market disruption with respect to the products concerned.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister-Counselor
United States and Japan Amend Bilateral Textile Agreement

The United States and Japan amended their bilateral textile agreement by means of Record of Discussion resulting from consultations held in Washington, D.C., and signed on September 28, 1984. Text of the Record of Discussion follows.

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

In connection with the consultation between the representatives of the Government of Japan and the Government of the United States of America held from April 4 through April 6 and from May 30 through June 13 pursuant to the Arrangement between the Government of Japan and the Government of the United States of America concerning Trade in Cotton, Wool and Man-made Fiber Textiles between Japan and the United States of America effected by the Exchange of Notes of August 17, 1979, as amended (hereinafter referred to as "the Arrangement"), the representatives of the two Governments wish to record the following:
(1) The Government of the United States of America requested consultations with the Government of Japan on category 644 (dated on Jan. 12), 611 641 (dated on Feb. 29), 337 (dated on Mar. 27), and category 334 (dated on Apr. 27), under paragraph 4(1) of the Arrangement.

(2) The representative of the Delegation of the Government of the United States of America explained the import situation with respect to the products of the above-mentioned categories (hereinafter referred to as "the items") and requested Japanese cooperation by limiting the export of the items from Japan.

(3) The representative of the Delegation of the Government of Japan expressed his Government's readiness and intention, as a result of the consultations, to see to it that the export of the items from Japan to the United States of America not exceed the following respective levels and the representative of the Delegation of the Government of the United States of America concurred;

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<th>Category</th>
<th>(Level of limit)</th>
<th>(remark)</th>
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<td>TQ 334</td>
<td>Total of 50,000 dozen over 2 years (1984,1985)</td>
<td>The Government of Japan will make every effort to ensure that the annual export level will not exceed 60% of the total volume as described.</td>
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<td>TQ 337</td>
<td>Total of 170,000 dozen over 2 years (1984,1985)</td>
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<td>TQ 644</td>
<td>Total of 45,000 dozen over 2 years (1984,1985)</td>
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FOR THE DELEGATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN

Taizo Tokoyama
Minister
Embassy of Japan

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September 28, 1984
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<th>Exporting country</th>
<th>Product (Category No. and unit)</th>
<th>Level to be reached before consultations may be asked</th>
<th>Level and date at which the call was made</th>
<th>Previous year’s imports</th>
<th>Minimum level for the restraint if no agreement reached</th>
<th>Restraint level set —</th>
<th>Growth</th>
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<td>JAPAN</td>
<td>334 - doz.</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>16,744 (4-84)</td>
<td>16,537 (1983)</td>
<td>20,093 (2 year level 1984-1985)</td>
<td>50,000 (2 year level 1984-1985)</td>
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<td>337 - doz.</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>58,021 (3-84)</td>
<td>58,021 (1983)</td>
<td>69,625 (2 year level 1984-1985)</td>
<td>170,000 (2 year level 1984-1985)</td>
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<td>644 - doz.</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>13,071 (1-84)</td>
<td>2,807 (1982)</td>
<td>15,685 (2 year level 1984-1985)</td>
<td>45,000 (2 year level 1984-1985)</td>
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1/ The relevant date/period is indicated between brackets

* These levels are established for two years, with no more than 60 percent to be shipped in either year.