Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Letter Concerning Measure Taken Under Article 3:5

Letter from the United States

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a letter received from the United States concerning the unilateral measure taken by the United States on imports from China of luggage (Category 670L).¹

¹The information concerning the unilateral measure is contained in TEX.SB/1193 and Add.1. See also TEX.SB/1193/Add.2.
The Honorable
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I write with reference to:

(a) Mr. Shepherd's earlier notifications concerning the request of the United States for consultations with the People's Republic of China on man-made fiber luggage (Category 670-L) and the imposition of a restraint on exports from China of this product pursuant to Article 3 of the Arrangement.

(b) Counsellor Liu Xianming's letter of February 18 on this matter.

The United States Government considers man-made fiber luggage (Category 670-L) to be a textile product subject to the MFA and that exports of this product from China have caused market disruption in the United States.

The U.S. remains willing to pursue these issues further in consultations with the Government of China. In the meantime, my government is prepared to send representatives from Washington to assist the TSB in its review of this matter if the TSB so wishes.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Chief of Mission