ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendments of Bilateral Agreement between the United States and China

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States of further amendments of its bilateral agreement with China. Specific limits have been agreed for Categories 438, 369-luggage, 410, 359-vests, 436 and 361.¹

¹The original agreement, an agreed visa system and previous modifications are contained in COM.TEX/SB/896, 951, 1025 and 1130. At the time of the notification of the agreement, China was not a participating country.

*English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente
The Honorable
Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
GATT
Rue De Lausanne 154
1211 Geneva

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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 of further amendments of the cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the People's Republic of China.

These amendments establish six new agreed specific limits for the 1985, 1986 and 1987 agreement years. The restraints were sought by the United States to eliminate real risks of market disruption while at the same time ensuring the orderly development in trade of the products concerned.

Data for preparation of the fact sheet has been provided to the secretariat separately. Copies of the notes giving effect to these amendments are enclosed.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister-Counselor

Enclosure
December 19, 1985

UNITED STATES AND PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and the People's Republic of China exchanged notes in Washington to effect amendment to the bilateral textile agreement between the two Governments. Texts of the notes follow.

UNITED STATES NOTE

Washington
October 24, 1985

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, with annexes, done at Geneva on December 20, 1973, and extended by protocol on December 22, 1981 at Geneva (the Arrangement), and to the Agreement between the People's Republic of China and the United States of America relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products, effected by exchange of notes in Beijing on August 19, 1983, as amended (the Agreement). I also refer to recent discussions between representatives of our Governments in Washington, D.C.

For more information contact: EB/TEX LCUMMINGS (202) 647-2777
I have the honor to propose, on behalf of my Government, that Annex B of the Agreement be amended to include the following specific limit:

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<td>Dozen</td>
<td>22,000</td>
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If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of the People's Republic of China, this note and the Embassy's note of confirmation shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Acting Secretary of State:

His Excellency

Han Xu,

Ambassador of the People's Republic of China.
Dear Mr. Lamb:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note dated October 24, 1985 relating to the proposed amendment to the Textile Agreement between our two countries.

I have the honor to confirm on behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of China that the proposed amendment conforms with the understanding of my Government and agree that your note and this note shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement between our two countries.

Accept the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

For the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China:

[Signature]
UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

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UNITED STATES NOTE

Excellency: Washington December 10, 1985

I have the honor to refer to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, with annexes, done at Geneva on December 20, 1973 and extended by protocols on December 14, 1977 and December 22, 1981 at Geneva (the Arrangement), and to the Agreement between the People's Republic of China and the United States of America relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products, effected by exchange of notes in Beijing on August 19, 1983, as amended (the Agreement). I also refer to recent discussions in Beijing.

I have the honor to propose, on behalf of my Government, that Annex B of the Agreement be amended to include the following Specific Limits:
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<td>369-luggage</td>
<td>lbs</td>
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<td>410</td>
<td>syd</td>
<td>2,120,000</td>
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(with no more than 1,700,000 syd to be in either woolen or worsted for the 1985 Agreement Year)

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<th>359-vests</th>
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<td>units</td>
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<td>3,106,553</td>
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In addition, carry forward of up to 5% will be available for Category 359-V and Category 436.

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Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

[Signature]

His Excellency
Han Xu,
Ambassador of the People's Republic of China.