Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles

Notification under Article 4:4

Modification of the Bilateral Agreement
between the United States and India

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States of a further modification of its bilateral agreement with India. The United States rescinded the restraint on Categories 350, 359-coveralls, and 359-vests; the parties agreed to specific limits on Categories 310 (ginghams), 318 (yarn-dyed fabrics) and 337 (playsuits) for the 1985 and 1986 agreement years.

1The original bilateral agreement and a previous modification are contained in COM.TEX/SB/863 and 1036.

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March 3, 1986

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 the amendment of the cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of India.

The amendment establishes three new agreed specific limits for categories 310 and 318 (yarn dyed cotton fabric) and category 337 (cotton playsuits). At the same time agreement was reached on these specific limits, the United States also agreed to rescind previously established restraints on categories 350 (cotton dressing gowns), 359c (cotton coveralls), and 359v (cotton vests).

The United States had sought consultations with India on each of these categories, to deal with problems of market disruption "or threat thereof" pursuant to paragraph 16 of the U.S.-Indian bilateral and had invoked the provisions of paragraphs 16(d) and 16(f) to establish restraints on these categories (see enclosed table).

Copies of the notes establishing the new limits and of the U.S. note rescinding the previous restraints are enclosed.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister-Counselor

Enclosures: As stated
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<th>Category</th>
<th>Units</th>
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<td>318</td>
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I have the honor to refer to the agreement on textiles between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of India dated December 21, 1982 and to the consultations held in Washington, D.C. on September 10-13, 1985 between representatives of our two governments. As agreed during those consultations, the Government of the United States formally rescinds the calls for consultation dated February 28, 1984, March 27, 1984, and July 31, 1984, on categories 350, 359 - coveralls and 359 - vests. The U.S. Government, however, reserves its rights concerning paragraph 16 of the agreement. Notice to this effect will be published in the Federal Register and U.S. Customs authorities will be informed.
UNITED STATES AND INDIA AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and India exchanged notes in Washington to effect an amendment to the bilateral textile agreement between the two governments. Texts of the notes follow.

UNITED STATES NOTE

New Delhi
September 25, 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 adopted on December 22, 1981. I also have the honor to refer to the Agreement on Textiles between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of India dated December 21, 1982 (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement) and to the consultations held in Washington, D.C. on September 10-13, 1985 between representatives of our two governments.

On behalf of my government I propose the following amendment to Annex B of the Agreement:

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If the above is acceptable to your government, this note and your response shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement between our two governments.

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

His Excellency
Romesh Bhandari,
Foreign Secretary,
New Delhi.

INDIA NOTE

New Delhi
October 28, 1985

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your letter dated September 25, 1985 to the Foreign Secretary, Government of India which is reproduced below:-

"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 adopted on December 22, 1981. I also have the honor to refer to the Agreement on Textiles between the Government of India dated December 21, 1982 (here-
inafter referred to as the Agreement) -
and to the consultations held in
Washington, D.C. on September 10-13,
1985 between representatives of our
two governments.

On behalf of my government I propose
the following amendment to Annex B
of the Agreement:

Category | Product Description | 1985  | 1986
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310      | Ginghams           | 700,000(SYD) | 749,000
318      | Yarn dyed fabrics  | 3,800,000(SYD) | 4,066,000
337      | Playsuits          | 74,793(DOZ)   | 80,029

If the above is acceptable to your government,
this note and your response shall constitute
an amendment to the Agreement between our
two governments."

I am to confirm on behalf of the Government of India
that the above letter correctly sets out the understanding
reached in the consultations held in Washington D.C. on
September 10-13, 1985 between the representatives of our
two governments and that the amendment proposed is acceptable
to our Government.

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

For the Secretary to the Govt. of

(R. POORNADILINGAM )
DIRECTOR