ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment of the Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Hong Kong

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States of a further amendment of their bilateral agreement with Hong Kong. The products covered in some categories were reclassified, and specific limits were adjusted accordingly.

1The bilateral agreement and previous modifications are contained in COM.TEX/SB/818, 888, 910, 945, 946, 968, 1026, 1057 and 1145.

*English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente

86-0817
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 a further amendment of the cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Hong Kong.

This amendment reclassifies pullover jackets from categories 359 and 659 to categories 334, 335, 634, and 635 and modifies the restraint levels of these last four categories accordingly.

Enclosed are copies of the latter giving effect to this amendment.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister-Counselor

Enclosure: As stated
MARCH 24, 1986 (CORRECTED COPY)

UNITED STATES AND HONG KONG AMEND
BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Hong Kong exchanged letters in Washington to effect amendment to their bilateral agreement. Texts of the letters follow.

UNITED STATES LETTER

Hong Kong
February 12, 1986

Mr. Robert C.L. Footman
Assistant Director
Trade Department
Ocean Centre
Kowloon
Hong Kong

Dear Robert:

I have been requested by my authorities in Washington to convey the following to you on amendment of the U.S.-H.K. Bilateral Textile Agreement.

"I have the honor to refer to the arrangement regarding international trade in textiles (hereinafter referred to as the arrangement), done at Geneva on December 20, 1973 as extended by the protocol adopted on December 22, 1981. The United States proposes that with effect from January 1, 1986, cotton and man-made fiber pullover jackets exported to the U.S. under categories 359 should be reclassified into categories 334, 335, and man-made fiber pullover jackets under category 659 should be reclassified into categories 634 and 635. The United States also proposes that the specific limits for 1986 and 1987 for the following categories, as set out in Annex A of the bilateral agreement should be amended as follows:

For more information contact: EB/TEX:EGOFF (202) 647-3000
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If this proposal is acceptable to your Government, this letter and your letter of acceptance shall constitute an amendment to the agreement.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Richard W. Mueller
Chief,
Economic Section

HONG KONG LETTER

Mr Richard W Mueller
Chief
Economic Section
American Consulate General
26 Garden Road
Hong Kong

Washington
February 17, 1986

Dear Richard,

Thank you for your letter of 12 February 1986 proposing with effect from 1 January 1986 certain reclassification arrangements for cotton and man-made fiber pullover jackets and certain amendments to Annex A of the US/Hong Kong bilateral textile Agreement of 23 June 1982.

On behalf of the Government of Hong Kong, I have the honour to accept the amendments as proposed by the Government of the United States.
I further confirm that the proposals in your letter together with this reply shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement and will enter into force with effect from 1 January 1986.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Fishman

(R C L Footman)
for Director of Trade