ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment of the Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Bangladesh

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States of an amendment of its bilateral agreement with Bangladesh. A specific limit was agreed on Category 635 (mmf coats, WGI) for the period 1 August 1986 to 31 January 1989.

1 The original agreement and a previous amendment are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1091 and 1158

* English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente

87-0003
December 18, 1986

The Honorable
Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
GATT
Rue De Lausanne 154
1211 Geneva

Dear Ambassador Raffaelli:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I am instructed by my government to inform the Textile Surveillance Body of the amendment of the bilateral textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Bangladesh. This amendment establishes a specific limit for category 635 (man-made fiber coats - WGI).

The U.S. had sought consultations with Bangladesh pursuant to Article 3.3 of the Arrangement with respect to imports of this product. The relevant information is provided below:

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<td>29 June 1986</td>
<td>71,587 DOZ</td>
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Growth and swing are set at 6 percent; carry over/carry forward are 11/6 percent. Enclosed are copies of the notes giving effect to this amendment.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister Counsellor

Enclosures
November 28, 1986

UNITED STATES AND BANGLADESH AMEND
BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Bangladesh amended their bilateral textile agreement. Text of the notes follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE

Excellency: September 15, 1986

I have the honor to refer to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, done at Geneva on December 20, 1973 and extended by protocols adopted on December 17, 1977, December 22, 1981 and July 31, 1986 at Geneva (the Arrangement), to the agreement between the United States of America and the People's Republic of Bangladesh relating to trade in certain apparel categories effected by exchange of notes on February 19 and February 24, 1986 in Washington, D.C. and to discussions held between representatives of our Governments in Washington August 27-29, 1986.

I have the honor to propose, on behalf of my Government, the following amendment to the agreement between our two governments to establish a specific limit for category 635:

For more information contact: EB/TEX: A.D. JILLSON (202) 647-1998
August 1, 1986- February 1, 1987
January 31, 1987
February 1, 1988
January 31, 1988
January 31, 1989

635 72,500 doz. 153,700 doz. 162,922 doz.

If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, this note and your Excellency's note of confirmation on behalf of the People's Republic of Bangladesh shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments.

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

For the Secretary of State:

Ralph E. Johnson

BANGLADESH NOTE

Excellency:

I have the honour to refer to the agreement between the United States of America and the People's Republic of Bangladesh relating to trade in certain apparel categories effected by exchange of notes on February 19 and February 24, 1986 in Washington, D.C. and to discussions held between representatives of our Governments in Washington, D.C. on August 27-29, 1986 and your subsequent diplomatic note dated nil, on the subject.
I wish to clarify that it is the understanding of the Government of Bangladesh that with respect to category 635, carryforward of six percent will be available during the initial six month period. In the second quota period which commences on February 1, 1987 and ends January 31, 1988 carryforward of six percent and carryover of eleven percent will be available. The combination of carryover and carryforward shall not exceed eleven percent of the receiving agreement year's limit. In the third agreement period beginning February 1, 1988 and ending January 31, 1989, carryover of eleven percent will be available. If this clarification is acceptable to the U.S. authorities, the Government of Bangladesh confirms that the proposed amendment conforms to the understanding reached between the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the United States. This Note and the Note of U.S. Government confirming this clarification will constitute an agreement between the two Governments.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

The Secretary of State,
U.S. Department of State,
Washington, D.C.

Excellency: 170C1 1986

I have the honor to refer to the Agreement between the United States of America and the People's Republic of Bangladesh relating to trade in certain apparel categories effected by exchange of notes on February 19
and 24, 1986, to discussions held between representatives of our Governments in Washington August 27-29, 1986, to my Government's note on this subject and to your Government's reply of October 8, 1986.

I have the honor to accept, on behalf of my Government, the clarification contained in your note of October 8, 1986 regarding flexibilities for Category 635.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Acting Secretary of State:

Ralph R. Johnson