ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4
Amendment of the bilateral agreement
between the United States and Jamaica

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States of an amendment of its bilateral agreement with Jamaica. Product coverage was extended to include sweaters of other vegetable fibres (Category 845); specific limits on Categories 341/641, 345/845, 445/6, designated consultation limits on Categories 352/652 and 632 and guaranteed access levels on Categories 340/640, 345/845, 352/652 and 632 were established.

*English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente

1 The bilateral agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1236. At the time of notification of the agreement Jamaica was not participating in the MFA.
June 29, 1987

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

Dear Ambassador Raffaelli:

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 textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Jamaica.

This amendment establishes new Guaranteed Access Levels (GAL's) for five products; new Designated Consultation Levels (DCL's) for two products; and new specific limits for three products.

In agreeing to the new GAL's, DCL's and specific limits, cognizance was taken of the objectives of the U.S. Caribbean Basin Textile Program, as well as of the desire to address problems of real risk of market disruption and to ensure the orderly development of trade between Jamaica and the United States.

Supplementary data to facilitate preparation of a fact sheet will be provided separately, as well as an oral explanation at the time of the TSB review of the Caribbean Basin Textile Program and the GAL's agreed in response to it.

Attached hereto are copies of the notes giving effect to this amendment.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister Counsellor

Attachment
UNITED STATES AND JAMAICA AMEND
BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Jamaica exchanged notes to amend their bilateral textile agreement. Texts of the notes follows:

UNITED STATE NOTE

Washington
March 3, 1987

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to His Excellency the Ambassador of Jamaica and has the honor to refer to the Agreement between the United States and Jamaica relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products manufactured in Jamaica and exported to the United States, including apparel and made-up textile products assembled in Jamaica wholly from components cut in the United States from fabrics formed in the United States, effected by exchange of letters in Washington, D.C. on August 27, 1986, (hereafter called "the Agreement.") The Secretary further refers to consultations held in Washington, D.C. on January 21 and 22, 1987, and February 6 and 7, 1987.

The Secretary of State proposes amending the Agreement to establish Guaranteed Access Levels for the following categories within Group I:

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The Secretary further proposes establishing Designated Consultation Levels pursuant to the Agreement for the following categories within Group II:

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<td>June 1, 1987- December 31, 1987</td>
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<td>352/652</td>
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In addition the Secretary proposes establishing Specific Limits for the following categories within Group III:

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<td>341/641</td>
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<td>95,000 dozen</td>
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Finally, the Secretary proposes amending Annex A of the Agreement by inserting the following lines at the end of the "Apparel" section:
The Ambassador of Jamaica presents his compliments to the Secretary of State and has the honour to refer to the latter's Note dated March 3, 1987, regarding the Agreement between Jamaica and the United States, relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber, textiles and textile products manufactured in Jamaica and exported to the United States, including apparel and made-up textile products assembled in Jamaica wholly from components cut in the United States from fabric formed in the United States, effected by exchange of letters in Washington, D.C. on August 27, 1986, (hereinafter called "the Agreement").

The Ambassador wishes to propose that the following modification be made to the proposed amendment contained in the Secretary's Note.

a) the word "Levels" appearing as a heading in line 4 of paragraph 2 on
The Ambassador takes this opportunity to advise that subject to the above modification, the Secretary's proposal is acceptable to the Government of Jamaica and agrees that this Note, which supersedes the Note of March 23, 1987, and the Secretary's Note shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

The Ambassador of Jamaica also wishes to refer to the administrative arrangement relating to visa and certification procedures under the Agreement effected by exchange of letters in Washington, D.C. on August 27, 1987, hereinafter referred to as "the Arrangement".

The Ambassador would like to propose that page 1, paragraph 2 of the Arrangement should be amended to read as follows:

"A shipment shall be visaed...... For Jamaica the term "invoice" shall be taken to mean the original certificate of Jamaican origin or the original certificate of exemption issued by the Chief Executive and Trade Commissioner General of the Jamaica National Export Corporation....."

In addition, the Ambassador proposes that wherever the Chief Executive is mentioned, the Arrangement should be amended to read "Chief Executive and Trade Commissioner General".
The Ambassador of Jamaica avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary of State the assurances of his highest consideration.

EMBASSY OF JAMAICA
Washington, D.C.
March 30, 1987

UNITED STATES NOTE   April 7, 1987

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to His Excellency the Ambassador of Jamaica and has the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Ambassador's note dated March 30, 1987, which reads as follows:

"The Ambassador of Jamaica presents his compliments to the Secretary of State and has the honour to refer to the latter's Note dated March 3, 1987, regarding the Agreement between Jamaica and the United States, relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products manufactured in Jamaica and exported to the United States, including apparel and made-up textile products assembled in Jamaica wholly from components cut in the United States from fabrics formed in the
United States, effected by exchange of letters in Washington, D.C. on August 27, 1986, (hereafter called "the Agreement.")

The Ambassador wishes to propose that the following modification be made to the proposed amendment contained in the Secretary's Note.

a) the word "Levels" appearing as a heading in line 4 of paragraph 2 on page 1 be changed to read 'Annual Levels'.

The Ambassador takes this opportunity to advise that subject to the above modification, the Secretary's proposal is acceptable to the Government of Jamaica and agrees that this Note, which supersedes the Note of March 23, 1987, and the Secretary's Note shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

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The Secretary has the honor to confirm that the proposal contained in the Ambassador's Note is acceptable to the Government of the United States of America and that the Secretary's Note of March 3, 1987, the Ambassador's Note of March 30, 1987 and this Note of reply shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement and an amendment to the administrative Arrangement.