ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

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 a further amendment of its bilateral agreement with Jamaica. The amendment provides for an increase in the GAL for Category 632; a one-time increase for the DCL on Category 347/8/647/8; the conversion of DCLs into SLs for Categories 338/9/638/9 and 340/640; and the merger of several categories.¹

¹The bilateral agreement and previous amendment are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1236 and 1326.
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 bilateral textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Jamaica. Copies of the notes giving effect to this amendment are attached.

This amendment:

(a) explicitly establishes several merged categories and conversion factors for them;

(b) increases the Guaranteed Access level for mmf hosiery (category 632);

(c) provides a one-time increase in the DCL for cotton and mmf trousers (category 347/348/647/648);

(d) converts the Designated Consultation Levels for cotton and mmf knit shirts (category 338/339/638/639) and for cotton and mmf woven skirts (category 340/640) to specific limits, along with the sublimit for category 340/640; and

(e) provides special swing between categories 340/640 and 341/641.

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 STATES NOTE

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, (hereinafter called "the Agreement.") The Secretary further refers to consultations held in Washington, D.C. on July 31, 1987.

The Secretary of State proposes amending the Agreement as follows:

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I. Paragraphs 2(C) and 2(D) of the Agreement relating to classification shall be amended to read as follows:

2(C) The system of categories and the rates of conversion into square yards equivalent listed in Annex A shall apply in implementing this Agreement, except as provided for in paragraph 2(D) below.

"2(D) For purposes of this Agreement, the categories listed below are merged and treated as single categories as indicated:

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<th>Categories</th>
<th>Designation</th>
<th>Conversion Factor</th>
<th>Unit of Measure</th>
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<td>331 and 631</td>
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<td>DZP</td>
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<td>338, 339, 638 and 639</td>
<td>338/339/638/639</td>
<td>12.00</td>
<td>DOZ</td>
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<td>340 and 640</td>
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<td>345 and 845</td>
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<td>347, 348, 647 and 648</td>
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<td>352 and 652</td>
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<td>13.50</td>
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<td>445 and 446</td>
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II. Paragraph 6 (A) (II) shall be amended to read as follows:
6 (A) (II) (a) During any agreement period, any Group III specific limit may be exceeded by not more than seven (7) percent swing provided that a corresponding reduction in square yards equivalent is made in other Group III specific limits during the Agreement period.

6(A) (II)(b) In addition to the swing provided in sub-paragraph 6(A) (II) (a), above, the base level for Category 340/640 may be increased by 12.5 percent provided that a corresponding reduction in square yards equivalent is made in Category 341/641.

In addition to the swing provided in sub-paragraph 6(A) (II) (a), above, the base level for Category 341/641 may be increased by 30 percent, provided that an corresponding reduction in square yards equivalent is made in Category 340/640.

III. The Guaranteed Access Levels in Group I, as set out in Annex B of the Agreement, shall be amended as follows:

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<th>Category</th>
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<th>Annual Levels 1986 and 1987</th>
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<td>632</td>
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V. The Specific Limits in Group III, as set out in Annex D shall be amended by adding the following categories:

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<th>Category</th>
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<td>338/339/638/639</td>
<td>575,000 doz</td>
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<td>609,500 doz</td>
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<td>340/640 (yarn-dyed Sub-limit)</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>325,000 doz</td>
<td>344,500 doz</td>
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<td>n.a: Not applicable</td>
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The Secretary of State agrees to increase the Designated Consultation Level for Category 347/348/647/648 for the agreement period September 1, 1986–December 31, 1987.
1987, only, to 725,000 dozen, pursuant to paragraph 4(B) of the Agreement.

Department of State,


JAMAICA NOTE

October 1, 1987

The Ambassador of Jamaica presents his compliments to the Secretary of State and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of the Secretary's Note dated September 2, 1987 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, (hereinafter called "the Agreement").

The Ambassador wishes to advise that the amendments proposed to the Agreement in the Secretary's Note are acceptable to the Government of Jamaica subject to the following modification:

On Page III under Section III the date September 1, 1986 should be changed to read June 1, 1987.
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.

October 1, 1987