ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Amendment of the Bilateral Agreement between
the United States and Macao

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States of an amendment of its agreement with Macao. The Group I and Aggregate limits were adjusted due to reclassification of categories under the Harmonized System. A designated consultation level was agreed for Category 631 (gloves and mittens).¹

¹The bilateral agreement and its extension are contained in COM.TEX/SB/959 and 1300

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The Honorable
Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
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 bilateral textile agreement between the United States of America and Macao.

This amendment increases the consultation level for mmf gloves, the Group I limit and the Aggregate limit in order to take account of a further adjustment occasioned by the U.S. adoption of the Harmonized code on January 1, 1989. The increase is 31,386 dozen pair for the consultation level and 86,512 square meters for the group and aggregate limits.

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

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister Counsellor

enclosures
April 17, 1989

UNITED STATES AND MACAU AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Macau amended their bilateral textile agreement by exchange of notes dated February 10, 1989 and March 3, 1989. Texts of the notes follows:

UNITED STATES NOTE

Hong Kong, February 10, 1989

The Consulate General of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Government of Macau and has the honor to refer to the bilateral agreement relating to trade in textiles and textile products, effected by exchange of notes dated December 28, 1983 and January 9, 1984, as amended (the Agreement). The Consulate General has the further honor to refer to the 7 December 1988 letter from Cristiano Afonso de Oliveira Domingues concerning the Government of Macau's request for an increase in the levels for Category 631 (man-made fiber gloves and mittens), Group I and the Aggregate.

In response to this request, the Consulate General, on behalf of the Government of the United States, proposes the following amendment to the Agreement:

Government of Macau,

Macau.
I. Annex C(2) of the Agreement shall be amended by adding the following Designated Consultation Level for Category 631:

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<td>631</td>
<td>231,386 DPR</td>
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II. Annex B(2) of the Agreement shall be amended by increasing the Group I Limit as follows:

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<td>Group I</td>
<td>73,759,677 SME</td>
<td>70,369,656 SME</td>
<td>83,267,753 SME</td>
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<td>(Cotton, MMF, silk, and other vegetable blends)</td>
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III. Annex B(2) of the Agreement shall be amended by increasing the Aggregate Limit as follows:

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<td>Aggregate Limit</td>
<td>76,596,824 SME</td>
<td>81,384,126 SME</td>
<td>86,470,634 SME</td>
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If the foregoing proposal is acceptable, this note and a note of confirmation on behalf of the Government of Macau shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

The Consulate General of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Government of Macau assurances of its highest consideration.

Consulate General of the United States of America,
Hong Kong, February 10, 1909.
MACAU NOTE

The Government of Macau presents its compliments to the Government of the United States of America.

With reference to the bilateral Agreement relating to trade in textile and textile products and further exchange of notes, namely the Diplomatic Note No. 01, of February 10, 1989, of the Consulate General of the United States of America, the Government of Macau has the honour to signify to the Government of the United States of America its acceptance of Parts I, II and III of the said Diplomatic Note No. 01 of February 10, 1989 relating to the increase of restraint levels for category 631 (man-made fiber gloves and mittens) from a minimum Consultation Level (MCL) to a Designated Consultation Level (DCC), the Group I and the Aggregate Limits, due to reclassification under the Harmonized System (HS).

The Government of Macau has the further honour of signifying to the Government of the United States of America its understanding that this note of confirmation shall constitute an Amendment to the Agreement.

The Government of Macau avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Government of the United States assurances of its highest consideration.

The Government of Macau

Macau, March 3, 1989