ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 8:4

United States/Singapore: Establishment of an export visa system

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a communication received from the United States concerning an administrative arrangement between the United States and Singapore establishing a visa system for exports to the United States of cotton, wool and man-made fibre textile products from Singapore. This arrangement is notified under Article 8:4 of the MFA. *1/

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1/ The Article 4 bilateral agreement between the United States and Singapore, and amendments thereto, are contained in COM.TEX/SB/399, 400, 464, 495, 528, 567, 584, 621 and 642.

* English only/Anglais seulement.
January 22, 1981

The Honorable
Ambassador Paul Wurth
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
GATT
154, rue de Lausanne
CH-1211 Geneva 21

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 4 of Article 8 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I am instructed by my government to inform the Textiles Surveillance Body of an administrative arrangement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Singapore to establish a visa system for exports to the United States of cotton wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products from the Republic of Singapore.

Attached hereto are copies of the letters giving effect to this arrangement.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister Counselor

Enclosure: as stated
Mr. Anthony Tan Song Chuan  
Leader  
Singapore Textile Delegation  
Government of the Republic of Singapore

Dear Song Chuan:

I propose on behalf of my Government that the following visa system be established for exports to the United States of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products from the Republic of Singapore.

1. Each commercial shipment of cotton, wool and man-made apparel products will be accompanied by an export visa issued by an official authorized by your Government. The visa will be stamped in blue ink on the front of the invoice (special customs invoice Form 5515, successor document or commercial invoice). Each visa will include the signature of the official issuing the visa, the visa number and the date of issuance of the visa.

2. Your Government will provide to my Government originals in duplicate of the visa stamp marking. Your Government will also provide the names of the officials authorized to issue textile export visas, and subsequently, notifications of any changes therein. A minimum number of officials will be authorized to issue visas.

3. Cotton, wool and man-made fiber apparel products which are not accompanied by an original export visa in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of this letter will be denied entry by my Government except upon specific request of your Government.

4. My Government will publish in the Federal Register the visa requirements set out in this letter upon receipt of (a) your letter confirming your Government's acceptance of this letter's proposals and
(b) the authorized visa stamp and names of the officials authorized by your Government to issue export visas. The visa system proposed by this letter will become effective November 5, 1980, for all apparel regardless of the date these goods were exported from the Republic of Singapore.

5. Either Government may terminate this visa system by giving 90 days written notice to the other.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to your Government, this letter and your letter of acceptance on behalf of your Government shall constitute an administrative arrangement between our two Governments.

Sincerely,

Donald McConville
Chairman
United States Textile Delegation to Singapore
Government of the United States of America
October 20, 1980

Mr. Donald McConville  
Chairman  
United States Textile Delegation  
to Singapore  
Government of the United States  
of America

Dear Don:

In response to your letter of October 20, 1980, proposing a visa system, I am pleased to confirm that my Government accepts your proposal.

Sincerely,

Anthony Tan Song Chuan  
Leader  
Singapore Textile Delegation  
Government of the Republic of Singapore
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