ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendments to the Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Malaysia

Note by the Chairman

The attached notification received from the United States concerns a further amendment to the bilateral agreement—covering textile products between the United States and Malaysia.

For details of the agreement see COM.TEX/SB/358, 401, 490, 529, 569 and 617.

*English only/Anglais seulement.
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 Article 4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I am instructed by my government to inform the Textiles Surveillance Body of the adjustment of two consultation levels and, thereby, the further amendment of the cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Malaysia. The original bilateral agreement and prior amendments have been notified and circulated as COM.TEX/SB/358, 401, 490, 529, 569 and 617.

Attached hereto are copies of the letters giving effect to these adjustments.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister-Counselor

Enclosures: as stated
Mr. Harry Kopp  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
For Trade and Commercial Affairs  
Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington, DC 20520  

Dear Mr. Kopp:

I refer to paragraph 6 of the Agreement between the United States and Malaysia relating to trade in Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products, effected by exchange of notes on May 17 and June 8, 1978 as amended ("the Agreement").

On behalf of my Government, I have the honour to accept that the consultation level for CAT 339 be increased by 187,999 sye to a level of 1,116,000 sye and that the consultation level for CAT 338 be decreased by 187,999 sye to a level of 1,311,999 sye. Your letter dated January 8, 1981 and this letter should constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

As for the 1981 Agreement year, I would appreciate very much if you could furnish us with the amount of quota available for category 339 in square yard equivalent for 1981 period.

The Government of Malaysia views with great concern regarding the discrepancies arise as a result of technical problem of various categories of textile which have disrupted the flow of export of Malaysian textile products to this country from time to time as a result of a substantial amount of consignment being embargoed at the port of entry. In view of the recurring events, I wish to request on behalf of my Government for a review of US classification mechanism in order to rule out any possibility of discrepancies in export figures or wrong categorization which probably has also occurred at your end.

Sincerely yours,

(ABDUL RAHMAN MAMAT)  
For Commercial Attaché
Dear Mr. Rahman,

I refer to paragraph 6 of the Agreement between the United States and Malaysia relating to Trade In Cotton, Wool, and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products, effected by exchange of notes on May 17 and June 8, 1978 as amended ("the Agreement").

On behalf of my Government, I have the honor to propose that for the 1980 Agreement Year the consultation level for Category 339 be increased by 187,999 sye to a level of 1,116,000 sye and that the consultation level for category 338 be decreased by 187,999 sye to a level of 1,311,999 sye.

If this proposal is acceptable to your Government, this letter and your letter of confirmation shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Sincerely,

Harry Kopp
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Trade and Commercial Affairs
Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs
United States/Malaysia (TEX.SB/612)

Original agreement and previous amendments: COM.TEX/SB/358, 401, 490, 529, 569 and 617

Period of agreement: 1 January 1978 - 31 December 1980
Product coverage: cotton, wool, m.m.f.

Present notification

Changes in DCL for two categories

Category 338 shirts M + B decrease by 197,999 SYE for 1980
339 shirts WGI increase by 187,999 SYE for 1980

Amendment caused by difficulties of product description. (Last paragraph of the Malaysian letter).

Third paragraph of the Malaysian letter refers to the 1981 agreement year. The agreement as notified terminated on 31 December 1980.