ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment to Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Haiti

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States of an amendment to its Article 4 bilateral agreement with Haiti.

Original agreement and a previous amendment have been circulated as COM.TEX/SB/497 and 570.

*English only/Anglais seulement.
March 10, 1981

The Honorable
Ambassador Paul Wurth
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
GATT
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

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 increase in a consultation level 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 Haiti. The original bilateral agreement and prior amendments have been notified and circulated as COM.TEX/SB/497 and 570.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepner
Minister-Counselor

Enclosures: as stated
With reference to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles signed on 20 December 1973 and extended until December 1981, and likewise with reference to Article 7 of the textile agreement between the Republic of Haiti and the United States of America which was ratified by the parties on 17 December 1979, I have the honour to request on behalf of the Haitian Government an extension of the limitations in respect of category 652 in order to allow the firms concerned to continue production until the end of the second year of the agreement.

Following discussions between representatives of the two governments at Port-au-Prince on 25 and 26 July 1979, a designated consultation level (DCL) of 500,000 dozen, i.e. 8 million in square yard equivalent, was allocated to category 652.

Category 652 - DCL - 500,000 dozen
Underwear - 8 million ESY

In the first year of the agreement, ending on 30 April 1980, Haiti's exports in this category totalled 360,000 dozen, i.e. 72 per cent of the quota allocated. In the seven first months of this second year of operation of the agreement, producing firms have exported 336,000 dozen of underwear of synthetic fibres, representing 67.2 per cent of the quota.
The Department of Commerce and Industry estimates that production by the firms concerned, which export an average of 60,000 dozen per month, will exceed this year the 500,000 dozen allocated. Accordingly, in order to avoid the harmful consequences of even a temporary halting of production, the Haitian Government has the honour to submit to the United States Department of State a request for Haiti's exports under category 652 to be authorized to exceed the level of 500,000 dozen, subject to a ceiling of 121 per cent of the quota.

The Haitian proposals are as follows:

1 May 1980 - 30 April 1981

Category 652 - DCL -

Quota: 610,000 dozen

I feel sure that you will give close attention to this urgent situation, and would appreciate your forwarding the Haitian Government's request to the United States Department of State as soon as possible.

Accept, Sir, etc.

(signed) Jacques B. Simeon
Secretary of State
Excellency:

I refer to Paragraph 7 of the Agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of Haiti relating to trade in cotton, wool, and man-made fiber textiles and textile products, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes August 17, 1979, as amended ("The Agreement"), and to your letter of December 17, 1980 in which you request on behalf of the Government of Haiti that the consultation level for Category 652, man-made fiber underwear, be increased by 110,000 dozen to a level of 610,000 dozen for the second Agreement year.

I am pleased to inform you that my Government agrees to this request, and that your letter and this reply thereto constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Henry L. Kimelman
Ambassador

His Excellency
Jacques Simon
Secretary of State
Department of Commerce and Industry
Port-au-Prince