Arrangement regarding international trade in textiles

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment to the Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Pakistan

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States of a further amendment to its Article 4 bilateral agreement with Pakistan, concerning adjustments to the limit for knit shirts and blouses (Category 339) for the period 1 January 1981 - 30 June 1982. 

1/ The original agreement and previous amendments are to be found in COM.TEX/SB/300, 491, 545, 619, 725 and 745.

* English only/Anglais seulement
The Honorable
Ambassador Paul Wurth
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
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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 adjustment of the limit and sublimit for knit shirts and blouses and, thereby, the further amendment of the cotton textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Pakistan. The original bilateral agreement and prior amendments have been notified and circulated as COM.TEX/SB/300, 491, 545, 619, 725, as well as the notification contained in TEX.SB/707, but not yet reviewed by the TSB.

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

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister-Counselor

Attachments: as stated
UNITED STATES AND PAKISTAN
AMEND TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Pakistan exchanged letters dated October 28, 1981 and November 3, 1981, respectively, to amend the existing bilateral textile Agreement. The texts of the letters follow:

UNITED STATES LETTER

October 28, 1981

Mr. Ihsanul Haq
Economic Minister
Embassy of Pakistan
2315 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Mr. Haq:

On the basis of the Agreement between the United States and Pakistan relating to Trade in Cotton Textiles with annexes, effected by exchange of notes January 4 and January 9, 1978, as amended ("the Agreement"), and recent discussions between representatives of our two Governments concerning exports from Pakistan to the United States of textile products classified in category 339, the United States Government wishes to propose that:

EB/TEX: Deborah Linde (202) 632-2062.
a) for the fourth Agreement period (January 1, 1981 through June 30, 1982), the overall limit for category 339 be reduced by 110,000 dozen, so that the adjusted limit will be 542,911 dozen and the limit for sub-category 339 pt. be increased by 80,000 dozen, so that the adjusted limit will be 309,563 dozen. These adjustments will be effective only for the fourth Agreement period. They will not establish a new basis for the negotiation of future levels for category 339 and sub-category 339 pt.

b) should the Government of Pakistan wish to re-adjust this new limit for category 339, the Government of the United States will consider such a request, provided that the new limit for sub-category 339 pt. will be decreased by an amount equal to 72.72 percent of the amount by which the new overall limit for category 339 will be increased.

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

Sincerely,

William H. Edgar
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary
Trade and Commercial Affairs
Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs
PAKISTAN LETTER

November 3, 1981

Dear Mr. Kopp,

I am desired to invite a reference to your letter of October 28, 1981 concerning export from Pakistan to the United States of textile products classified under category 339 in which the United States Government has proposed as follows:

a) for the fourth Agreement period (January 1, 1981 through June 30, 1982), the overall limit for category 339 be reduced by 110,000 dozen, so that the adjusted limit will be 542,911 dozen and the limit for sub-category 339 Pt. be increased by 80,000 dozen, so that the adjusted limit will be 309,563 dozen. These adjustments will be effective only for the fourth Agreement period. They will not establish in new basis for the negotiation of future levels for category 339 and sub-category 339 Pt.

b) Should the Government of Pakistan wish to re-adjust this new limit for category 339, the Government of the United States will consider such a request, provided that the new limit for sub-category 339 Pt. will be decreased by an amount equal to 72.72 percent of the amount by which the new overall limit for category 339 will be increased.

I am desired to inform you that the above proposals made by the United States Government are acceptable to the Government of Pakistan.

Yours sincerely,

( Ihsanul Haq )

Mr. Harry Kopp,
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