Attached is a notification received from the United States under the provisions of Articles 7 and 8 of the MFA concerning an amendment to its bilateral agreement with the People's Republic of China, and a change to the visa system agreed with China on textile exports. 1/

This notification is made for information, bearing in mind the Textiles Committee's request that action taken vis-à-vis non participants in the Arrangement should be notified to the TSB.

1/ The original bilateral agreement between the two countries is contained in COM.TEX/SB/634.

*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 Articles 7 and 8 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I am instructed by my government to inform the Textiles Surveillance Body of an amendment of the cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile agreement and a change in the visa agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the People's Republic of China. The original bilateral agreement has been notified and circulated as COM.TEX/SB/634.

Since China is not a participant in the Arrangement, this notification is being made for information only.

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

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister-Counselor

Attachments: as stated
UNITED STATES AND THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
AMEND
BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and the People's Republic of China exchanged letters dated September 18, 1981 to amend the existing bilateral textile Agreement relating to Trade in Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products. The texts of the letters follow:

UNITED STATES LETTER
September 18, 1981

His Excellency
Chai Zemin
Ambassador of the People's Republic of China
2300 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I refer to paragraph 8 of the Agreement between the United States of America and the People's Republic of China relating to Trade in Cotton, Wool, and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes on September 17, 1980 ("The Agreement") and to discussions held between representatives of our two governments concerning exports from China to the United States of products classified in textile categories 334 ("Other Men's and Boy's Cotton Coats"), 335 ("Women's, Girl's and Infant's Cotton Coats"), 338 ("Men's and Boy's Knit Cotton Shirts") and 445/446 ("Wool Sweaters").

EB/TEX: Roger Freeman (202)632-2777
On behalf of my government, I have the honor to propose the following:

1. For purposes of "The Agreement", categories 445 and 446 shall be merged and treated as a single category.

2. Annex B of "The Agreement" shall be amended to establish specific limits as follows for categories 334, 335, 338 and 445/446:

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Sublimit: 416,667 dozen 530,000 dozen

338 (other than t-shirts, tank tops, and sweatshirts) provided for in
1981 TSUSA No. 380.0029
1982 TSUSA No. 379.0240
1981 TSUSA No. 380.0652
1982 TSUSA No. 379.4050

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For Category 445/446, all items with a Date of Export on or after January 1, 1981 to December 31, 1981 shall be charged against the 1981 Agreement Year limit.

3. Paragraph 5 shall be amended to include:

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except that for category 445/446 this provision shall not apply during the 1981 Agreement Year.
4. For Category 445/446, during the 1982 Agreement Year only, an additional amount of 30,000 dozen special carryover from Agreement Year 1981 may be used if shortfall is available provided the equivalent dozen of the carryover actually used is also charged against the limit for Category 645/646 for the 1982 Agreement Year.

5. For Category 645/646, for the 1981 Agreement Year only, the People's Republic of China will forego the use of carryover.

6. In the 1981 Agreement Year, a charge of 50,000 dozen shall be made against the level for Category 645/646.

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,

Harry Kopp
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Trade and Commercial Affairs
Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs
September 18, 1981

Mr. Harry Kopp  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for  
Trade and Commercial Affairs  
Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs  
U. S. Department of State  
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Mr. Kopp:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of this date in which you proposed an amendment of the Agreement between the People's Republic of China and the United States of America relating to trade in Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products.

I wish to confirm, on behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of China, that these proposals are acceptable and the contents of your letter are in accordance with the understandings reached and discussions mentioned in your letter.

Therefore, your letter and this letter of confirmation shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement between our two governments on this subject.

Sincerely,

Chai Zemin  
Ambassador of the People's Republic of China
The United States and the People's Republic of China exchanged letters dated October 20, 1981 and October 21, 1981, respectively, to amend the visa system covering exports to the United States of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products. The texts of the letters follow:

UNITED STATES LETTER
October 20, 1981

Mr. Wu Shudong
Third Secretary
(Commercial Affairs)
Embassy of the People's Republic of China
2300 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Mr. Wu:

I refer to the exchange of letters between our two governments dated July 23 and July 25, 1980 which established a visa system covering exports to the United States of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products from the People's Republic of China.

EB/TEX - Roger Freeman (202) 632-2777
I propose on behalf of my Government that paragraph 1 of my Government's letter of July 23 be amended as follows:

1. Each commercial shipment of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and apparel products shall be accompanied by an export visa issued by an official authorized by your government. However, shipments valued at U.S. 250 dollars or less need not be accompanied by an export visa. The visa shall be stamped in blue ink on the front of the invoice (special customs invoice Form 5515, successor document or commercial invoice). Each visa shall include the signature of the official issuing the visa and the visa number.

If this proposal is acceptable to your government, this letter and your letter of acceptance on behalf of your government shall amend the visa system.

Sincerely,

William H. Edgar

William H. Edgar
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary
Trade and Commercial Affairs
Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs
October 21, 1981

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

Dear Mr. Edgar:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated October 20, 1981, in which you proposed that paragraph 1 of your Government's letter of July 23, 1980 be amended.

I wish, on behalf of my Government, to inform you that the proposal set forth in your letter is acceptable to my Government and confirm that your letter and this letter of acceptance shall amend the visa system covering exports to the United States of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products from the People's Republic of China.

Sincerely,

Wu Shudong
Third Secretary (Commercial)