ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Extension of Bilateral Agreement between
the United States and Mexico

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States concerning the extension for the four years 1 January 1982 - 31 December 1985, of its bilateral agreement, concluded under Article 4 of the MFA, with Mexico.

1 The original agreement and amendments to it are contained in COM.TEX/SB/441, 618 and 643.

*English only/Anglais seulement.
February 17, 1982

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

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 four-year extension (1/1/82-12/31/85) of the cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Mexico. The original bilateral agreement has been notified and circulated as COM.TEX/SB/441, 618 and 643.

The extension, as in the case of the previous agreement, provides for 7 percent growth and 11/6 percent carryover/carryforward for all specific limits, which cover the same categories. All consultation levels remain unchanged, but the special restraints for sub-category 604 (para 18C) have been dropped.

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

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister-Counselor

Attachments: as stated
The United States and Mexico exchanged letters dated December 23, 1981 and December 24, 1981, respectively to extend the 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

December 23, 1981

His Excellency
Hugo B. Margain
Ambassador of Mexico
Embassy of Mexico
2829 16th St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009

Excellency:

I refer to paragraph 19 of the Agreement between the United States and Mexico relating to Trade in Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes February 26, 1979, as amended, ("the Agreement"), and to recent discussions between representatives of the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States in Geneva, Switzerland.

EB/TEX: Roger Freeman (202) 632-2777
As a result of these discussions, and on behalf of my Government, I have the honor to propose that the said Agreement be extended with all provisions therein continuing, for the period of four calendar years from January 1, 1982, through December 31, 1985, with the following modifications:

a) Restraints for Sub-category 604, acrylic yarns, corresponding to TSUS No. 310.5049, shall be removed as of the effective date of this extension;

b) Any shortfall available at the end of 1981 may be used in 1982 in the manner established in the Agreement; and

c) Annex B shall be amended to read as shown in Attachment 1.

If these proposals are acceptable to your Government, this letter and your letter of confirmation shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Sincerely,

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

Dear Mr. Kopp:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 23, 1981, in which you refer to paragraph 19 of the Agreement between Mexico and the United States regarding Trade in Cotton, Wool, and Man-Made Fiber Textiles, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes February 26, 1979, as amended ("the Agreement"), and to recent negotiations between representatives of the Government of Mexico and the Government of the United States held in Geneva, Switzerland.

On behalf of the Government of Mexico I wish to confirm the proposal to extend the abovementioned Agreement with all its provisions, for a period of four calendar years, from January 1, 1982 to December 31, 1985, with the following modifications:

a) Eliminate, as of the date of extension of the Agreement, the restrictions on sub-category 604, acrylic yarns, corresponding to TSUS 310.5049;

b) Any quantity not utilized at the end of 1981 may be used in 1982, in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement; and

c) Annex B will be modified so as to contain the figures shown in Attachment 1 to your letter.

The above is in agreement with the arrangements accepted in earlier conversations held between representatives of both governments.

Therefore, your letter and this letter of confirmation will constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Sincerely,

Hugo B. Margain
Ambassador