

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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## TARIFFS AND TRADE

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TEX.SB/1337\*

3 June 1987

### Textiles Surveillance Body

#### ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

##### Notification under Article 4

##### Extension and Amendment of Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Bangladesh

##### Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States of an extension and modification of its bilateral agreement with Bangladesh. The restraint period has been extended to 31 January 1989, and new restraints introduced on three categories.

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<sup>1</sup> The original bilateral agreement and previous amendments are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1091, 1158 and 1232.

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**June 1, 1987**

The Honorable  
Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli  
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body  
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Dear Ambassador Raffaelli:

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 an extension and amendment of the bilateral textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Bangladesh.

This amendment establishes new specific limits for three products (with sublimits for two of them) and extends all previously established specific limits through January 31, 1989. Two of the new restraints (categories 641 and 647/8) were sought by the United States pursuant to Article 3.3 of the Arrangement to deal with problems of market disruption. With respect to the third category (336), the U.S. raised the issue in connection with real risk of market disruption at the January consultations on other categories.

The three new restraints receive 6% growth, 6% swing and 11/6% carryover/carryforward, and Categories 641 and 647/648 are also granted additional special shift (swing).

The Honorable  
Marcelo Raffaelli  
June 1, 1987  
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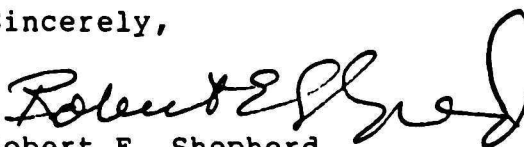
<u>Product</u>	<u>Month Consultations Requested</u>	<u>Rollback Level</u>	<u>Annual Restraint</u>
cotton coats (Cat 336)	January 1987	23,539 doz.	60,000 <u>1/</u> doz.
Mmf blouses (Cat 641)	May 1986	305,940 doz.	470,000 <u>2/</u> doz.
	(sublimit of 35% for yarn died)		
mmf trousers (Cat 647/8)	September 1986	396,333 doz.	600,000 <u>2/</u> doz.

1/ Level for the 1987-88 agreement year

2/ Notional annual level for 1986-87 agreement year

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

Sincerely,

  
Robert E. Shepherd  
Minister Counsellor

Attachment



*Textiles Division*

# Public Release

United States Department of State  
*Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs*  
Washington, D.C.

March 30, 1987

## UNITED STATES AND BANGLADESH AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Bangladesh exchanged notes in Washington, D.C. to amend their bilateral textile agreement. Text of the notes follow.

### UNITED STATES NOTE

March 25, 1987

Excellency: •

I have the honor to refer to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, done at Geneva on December 20, 1973, and extended by Protocol adopted July 31, 1986 at Geneva (the Arrangement), and to the Agreement between the United States of America and the People's Republic of Bangladesh relating to trade in certain apparel categories effected by exchange of notes on February 19 and February 24, 1986 in Washington, D.C., and to consultations held in Dhaka January 20-22, 1987 between the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of Bangladesh concerning Bangladesh exports of apparel to the United States.

As a result of these discussions, I have the honor to propose on behalf of my Government, the following amendment to the Agreement:

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(1) All current specific limits will be continued for an additional year, through January 31, 1989, with six percent annual growth.

(2) A sub-limit for cotton blouses made of yarn-dyed fabrics within Category 341 shall be established at 35 percent of the base limit for each agreement year.

(3) The following specific limits shall be added to the agreement:

	Oct. 1, 1986- Jan. 31, 1987	Feb. 1, 1987- Jan. 31, 1988	Feb. 1, 1988 - Jan. 31, 1989
336	-	60,000 doz.	63,600 doz.
641	156,667 doz.	500,000 doz.	530,000 doz.

(With sub-limit of 35 percent for man-made fiber blouses made of yarn-dyed fabrics)

647/ 648	200,000 doz.	636,000 doz.	674,160 doz.
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(With sub-limit of 65 percent for long trousers and slacks)

(4) In addition to regular flexibility, Categories 641 and 647/648 shall have special shift in dozens of 15 percent from any other specific limit except Category 331.

It was also agreed that the United States Government will rescind its request for consultations under Article 3 of the Arrangement for Category 337/637, but reserves its right to request consultations in the future should the situation warrant. This request for consultations on Category 337/637 is hereby rescinded.

Should any difficulties arise concerning the classification by the United States Government of blouses made of yarn-dyed fabrics within Categories 341 and 641, both Governments agree to consult to resolve this matter as soon as possible.

If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, this note and your Excellency's note of confirmation shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement between our two Governments.

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

For the Secretary of State:

*Wm. C. Bundy*

BANGLADESH NOTE

March 27, 1987.

Excellency:

I have the honour to refer to the Department of State's Note Verbale of March 25, 1987 concerning the Agreement between the United States of America and the People's Republic of Bangladesh pertaining to trade in certain categories pursuant to discussions held between representatives of our Governments in Dhaka January 20-22, 1987.

I would like to confirm herein that your above mentioned note reflects the understanding reached between our two Governments.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
(A. Z. M. OBAIDULLAH KHAN)