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TARIFFS AND TRADE

TEX.SB/1340*

3 June 1987

Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Amendment of Bilateral Agreement between the United States and India

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States of an amendment of its bilateral agreement with India. Restraints were agreed on Categories 369-S (shop towels), 640 (mmf woven shirts), 641 (mmf blouses) and 642 (mmf skirts) for the agreement period beginning 1 January 1987.¹

¹ The text of the bilateral agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1275.

* English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente



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June 1, 1987

The Honorable
Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
GATT
Rue De Lausanne 154
1211 Geneva

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 the amendment of the bilateral textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of India.

This amendment establishes new specific limits for four products. The restraints had been sought by the United States to deal with real risks of market disruption in terms of para. 16 of the 1983-1986 bilateral agreement with India. Members will recall that India had submitted an Article 11.4 notification with respect to three of these categories, which the TSB had considered at its second meeting of 1987 (Com.Tex/SB/1241).

The new specific limits receive 6% growth, 7% swing and 11/6% carryover/carryforward. In addition, special shift (swing) of 10% is available from category 340 to category 640. The table on page 2 sets forth call dates, formula levels, etc.

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Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli
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NEW SL's

<u>Product</u>	<u>Call Date</u>	<u>1986 Formula Level</u>	<u>1987 Restraint</u>
Cotton shop towels (Cat 369S)	30 June 1986	440,948 lbs.	790,000 lbs.
MMF woven shirts (Cat 640)	31 Oct 1986	108,844 doz.	125,000 doz.
MMF blouses (Cat 641)	31 March 1986	642,553 doz.	740,000 doz.
MMF skirts (Cat 642)	29 July 1986	169,236 doz.	220,000 doz.

Attached hereto are copies of the letters giving effect to this amendment. The U.S. letter also contains the formal notification rescinding the earlier request for consultations on category 333.

Sincerely,


Robert E. Shepherd
Minister Counsellor

Attachment

(CORRECTED COPY)



Textiles Division

**Public
Release**

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

March 23, 1987

**UNITED STATES AND INDIA AMEND
BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT**

The United States and India amended their bilateral textile agreement by exchange of letters dated March 4, 1986 and March 10, 1986. Texts of the letters follow:

UNITED STATES LETTER

March 4, 1987

**Mr. P.S. Sahai
Minister of Commerce
and Supply
Embassy of India
2107 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008**

Dear Mr. Sahai:

I have the honor to refer to the Arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles (hereinafter referred to as the Arrangement), done at Geneva on December 20, 1973, as extended by Protocol on July 31, 1986, and to the bilateral Agreement between our two Governments affected by exchange of notes dated February 6, 1987 (the Agreement). I also have the honor to refer to discussions between representatives of the Government of India and the Government of the United States of America in Washington, D.C., held on February 6, 1987 concerning cotton and man-made fiber textile and textile products of India exported to the United States.

As a result of these discussions, I propose on behalf of the Government of the United States, the following amendment to the Agreement between our two Governments:

1. The U.S. request for consultations on Category 333 shall be rescinded, but the U.S. reserves its right to request consultations again on this Category, should the situation warrant.

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(2) The following Specific Limits shall be established within Group II:

<u>Category</u>	<u>1987</u>
369-S	790,000 lbs.
640	125,000 doz.
641	740,000 doz.
642	220,000 doz.

The above Specific Limits shall have 6 percent annual growth and standard flexibility. In addition, Category 640 shall have 10 percent special shift from Category 340.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of India, then this letter and your Government's letter of confirmation shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Sincerely,



Anne D. Jillison
Acting Chief,
Textiles Division
Bureau of Economic and
Business Affairs

INDIA LETTER

March 10, 1987

Dear Ms Jillison,

I have the honour to refer to the Arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles done at Geneva on December 20, 1973, as extended by Protocol on July 31, 1986, and to the bilateral agreement between our two Governments affected by exchange of notes dated February 6, 1987 (the Agreement). I also have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 4 incorporating the amendments to agreement between our two Governments.

2. I take this opportunity to confirm that the amendment is acceptable to the Government of India.

Yours sincerely,


(P. S. SAHAI)