

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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## TARIFFS AND TRADE

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TEX.SB/1384\*

4 September 1987

### Textiles Surveillance Body

#### ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

##### Notification under Article 4

##### Amendment of the Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Sri Lanka

##### Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States of a further amendment of its bilateral agreement with Sri Lanka. Coverage has been extended to include several products of silk blends and other vegetable fibres (Categories 836, 838, 842 and 845). Seven specific limits were agreed including four for merged categories combining cotton or mmf products with products of other vegetable fibres.

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<sup>1</sup> The bilateral agreement and previous modifications are contained in COM.TEX/SB/913, 1107, 1132 and 1187.



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**September 1, 1987**

The Honorable  
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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 the further amendment of the bilateral textile agreements between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Sri Lanka.

This amendment modifies the agreement by (1) expanding coverage to include several products of silk blends and other vegetable fibers (categories 836, 838, 842 and 845); (2) creating a number of new merged categories; and (3) establishing several new specific limits and one new sub-limit. Four of the new specific limits are for merged categories combining cotton or mmf products with products of other vegetable fibers.

The new restraints were all sought by the United States to deal with real risk of market disruption. Consultations had been formally requested on most of these categories; discussions on categories 345, 442, on the sub-limit on category 339, and on other products included in the new merged categories were raised during January 1987 consultations.

Attached hereto are copies of the letters giving effect to this amendment. Additional data to facilitate preparation of a fact sheet is being provided under separate cover.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Shepherd".

Robert E. Shepherd  
Minister Counsellor



Textiles Division

# Public Release

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

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## THE UNITED STATES AND SRI LANKA AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Sri Lanka exchanged notes dated February 17, 1987 and March 5, 1987, to amend their bilateral textile agreement. Text of the notes follow.

### UNITED STATES NOTE

No. 57

Colombo, February 17, 1987

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Trade and Shipping of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and has the honor to refer the arrangement regarding international trade in textiles, with annexes, done at Geneva on December 20, 1973 and extended by protocol adopted on July 31, 1986. The Embassy has the further honor to refer to the agreement on textiles and textile products between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka dated May 10, 1983 (the Agreement) and to consultations held in Colombo on January 26 to 28, 1987, between representatives of the Governments of the United States of America and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, the Embassy proposes the following categories be added to Paragraph 2(b) of the Agreement:

<u>Categories Merged</u>	<u>Designation in The Agreement</u>	<u>Sub-Categories</u>
333, 633	333/633	None
636, 836	636/836	None
638, 639, 838	638/639/838	None
345, 845	345/845	None
642, 842	642/842	None

On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, the Embassy proposes the following sub-paragraph be added to paragraph 9 of the Agreement:

"(c) For the purposes of this Agreement, textiles and textile products which derive their chief characteristics from their textile components of:

- (i) vegetable fiber or
- (ii) blends of vegetable fibers with cotton, wool and man-made fiber or
- (iii) blends of silk with cotton, wool, man-made fiber or vegetable fiber, in which (i) or (ii) or (iii) above is either the chief value or 50 percent or more by weight shall be classified as silk blend and other vegetable fiber.

Notwithstanding the above, garments which contain 70 percent or more silk by weight, and products other than garments which contain 85 percent or more silk by weight are not subject to this agreement."

On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, the Embassy proposes the following categories be added to Annex A of the Agreement:

ANNEX A

CONVERSION TABLE

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CONVERSION FACTOR</u>	<u>UNIT OF MEASURE</u>
<u>Apparel, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber</u>			
836	Dresses	45.3	Dz
838	Knit Shirts and Blouses	14.0	Dz
842	Skirts	17.8	Dz
845	Sweaters, other Vegetable Fibers	36.8	Dz

On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, the Embassy proposes the following specific limits be added to Annex B of the Agreement:

ANNEX B

SPECIFIC LIMITS AND SUB-LIMITS

	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>6/01/86- 5/31/87</u>	<u>6/01/87- 5/31/88</u>
333/633	Dz	29,000	30,740
339 Sub-limit (Cotton Shirts for Women, Girls and Infants other than T-shirts and Tank Tops)	Dz		335,000
345/845	Dz	90,000	95,400
350	Dz	45,000	47,700
442	Dz	12,000	12,120

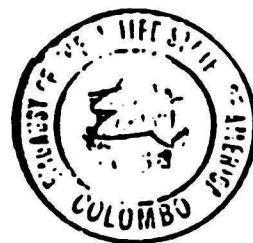
		<u>1/01/87-</u> <u>5/31/87</u>	<u>6/01/87-</u> <u>5/31/88</u>
636/836	Dz	90,000 (1)	145,000
642/842	Dz	75,000	140,000
		<u>12/01/86-</u> <u>5/31/87</u>	<u>6/01/87-</u> <u>5/31/88</u>
638/639/838	Dz	400,000 (2)	485,000

(1) For the first agreement year for category 636/836, special carryforward of 20,000 dozens and special swing of 5 percent shall be available.

(2) For the first agreement year for category 638/639/838, 250,000 dozens special carryforward and/or swing shall be available.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, this note and a note of response from the Ministry of Trade and Shipping on behalf of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka the assurances of its highest consideration.



The Embassy of the United States of America,  
Colombo, February 17, 1987.

SRI LANKA NOTE

March 5, 1987

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Third Person Note No:57 dated 17th February 1987, addressed to my Ministry by your Embassy. I confirm, on behalf of the Government of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, acceptance of the proposed additions to the Agreement on Textiles and Textile Products between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of United States of America dated 10, May 1983 as detailed in Third Person Note No:57 following on consultations held in Colombo from January 26 - 28, 1987 between the representatives of our two Governments.

I also confirm that Third Person Note No:57 and this letter of response thereto shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

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

Yours sincerely,



W.L.P. de Mel  
Secretary/Ministry of Trade &  
Shipping.