

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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## TARIFFS AND TRADE

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4 December 1987

Textiles Surveillance Body

### ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

#### Notification under Article 4:4

#### Amendment of the bilateral agreement between the United States and Jamaica

#### Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States of a further amendment of its bilateral agreement with Jamaica. The amendment provides for an increase in the GAL for Category 632; a one-time increase for the DCL on Category 347/8/647/8; the conversion of DCLs into SLs for Categories 338/9/638/9 and 340/640; and the merger of several categories.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>The bilateral agreement and previous amendment are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1236 and 1326.

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The Honorable  
Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli  
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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 amendment of the bilateral textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Jamaica. Copies of the notes giving effect to this amendment are attached.

This amendment:

- (a) explicitly establishes several merged categories and conversion factors for them;
- (b) increases the Guaranteed Access level for mmf hosiery (category 632);
- (c) provides a one-time increase in the DCL for cotton and mmf trousers (category 347/348/647/648);
- (d) converts the Designated Consultation Levels for cotton and mmf knit shirts (category 338/339/638/639) and for cotton and mmf woven skirts (category 340/640) to specific limits, along with the sublimit for category 340/640; and
- (e) provides special swing between categories 340/640 and 341/641.

Sincerely,

*Robert E. Shepherd*

Robert E. Shepherd  
Minister Counsellor

Attachment



Textiles Division

# Public Release

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

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September 4, 1987

## UNITED STATES AND JAMAICA AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Jamaica exchanged notes to amend their bilateral textile agreement. Texts of the notes follows:

### UNITED STATES NOTE

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to his Excellency the Ambassador of Jamaica and has the honor to refer to the Agreement between the United States and Jamaica relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products manufactured in Jamaica and exported to the United States, including apparel and made-up textile products assembled in Jamaica wholly from components cut in the United States from fabrics formed in the United States, effected by exchange of letters in Washington, D.C. on August 27, 1986, (hereinafter called "the Agreement.") The Secretary further refers to consultations held in Washington, D.C. on July 31, 1987.

The Secretary of State proposes amending the Agreement as follows:

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I. Paragraphs 2(C) and 2(D) of the Agreement relating to classification shall be amended to read as follows:

2(C) The system of categories and the rates of conversion into square yards equivalent listed in Annex A shall apply in implementing this Agreement, except as provided for in paragraph 2(D) below."

"2(D) For purposes of this Agreement, the categories listed below are merged and treated as single categories as indicated:

Categories	Designation	Conversion Factor	Unit of Measure
331 and 631	331/631	3.50	DZP
338, 339, 638 and 639	338/339/638/639	12.00	DOZ
340 and 640	340/640	24.00	DOZ
341 and 641	341/641	14.50	DCZ
345 and 845	345/845	36.80	DOZ
347, 348, 647 and 648	347/348/647/648	17.80	DOZ
352 and 652	352/652	13.50	DOZ
445 and 446	445/446	14.88	DPZ

II. Paragraph 6 (A) (II) shall be amended to read as follows:

"6 (A) (II) (a) During any agreement period, any Group III specific limit may be exceeded by not more than seven (7) percent swing provided that a corresponding reduction in square yards equivalent is made in other Group III specific limits during the Agreement period. .

6(A) (II)(b) In addition to the swing provided in sub-paragraph 6(A) (II) (a), above, the base level for Category 340/640 may be increased by 12.5 percent provided

that a corresponding reduction in square yards equivalent is made in Category 341/641.

In addition to the swing provided in sub-paragraph 6(A) (II) (a), above, the base level for Category 341/641 may be increased by 30 percent, provided that an corresponding reduction in square yards equivalent is made in Category 340/640.

III. The Guaranteed Access Levels in Group I, as set out in Annex B of the Agreement, shall be amended as follows:

Category	September 1, 1986	Annual Levels
	December 31, 1987	1988 and 1989
632	2,000,000 DPR	2,000,000 DPR

IV. The Designated Consultation Levels (DCL) in Group II, as set out in Annex C of the Agreement, shall be amended by deleting Category 338/339/638/639. The DCL for Category 340/640 shall remain in force for the agreement period September 1, 1986-December 31, 1987, at a level of 375,000 dozen. The sub-limit on Category 340/640, shirts of yarn-dyed fabric, for the September 1, 1986-December 31, 1987 Agreement period shall remain at 275,000 dozen. Category 340/640 and the yarn-dyed sub-limit will be deleted from Group II and Annex C of the Agreement for Agreement years 1988 and 1989.

V. The Specific Limits in Group III, as set out in Annex D shall be amended by adding the following categories:

Category	9/1/86- 12/31/87	1/1/88- 12/31/88	1/1/89- 12/31/89
338/339/638/639	575,000 doz	575,000 doz	609,500 doz
340/640	n/a	325,000 doz	344,500 doz
(yarn-dyed Sub-limit)	n/a	275,000 doz	291,000 doz

n.a: Not applicable

The Secretary of State agrees to increase the Designated Consultation Level for Category 347/348/647/648 for the agreement period September 1, 1986-December 31,

1987, only, to 725,000 dozen, pursuant to paragraph 4(B) of the Agreement.

Department of State,

Washington, September 2, 1987.

JAMAICA NOTE

October 1, 1987

The Ambassador of Jamaica presents his compliments to the Secretary of State and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of the Secretary's Note dated September 2, 1987 relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products manufactured in Jamaica and exported to the United States, including apparel and made-up textile products assembled in Jamaica wholly from components cut in the United States from fabrics formed in the United States, effected by exchange of letters in Washington, D.C. on August 27, 1986, (hereinafter called "the Agreement").

The Ambassador wishes to advise that the amendments proposed to the Agreement in the Secretary's Note are acceptable to the Government of Jamaica subject to the following modification:

On Page III under Section III the date September 1, 1986 should be changed to read June 1, 1987.

The Ambassador of Jamaica avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary of State the assurances of his highest consideration.



EMBASSY OF JAMAICA  
Washington, D.C.

October 1, 1987