

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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TARIFFS AND TRADE

TEX.SB/1411*
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 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. A specific limit was agreed for cotton and man-made fibre coveralls (Category 359-C/659-C) for the period 1 June 1987 to 3 May 1988.¹

* English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente

¹ The bilateral agreement and previous amendments are contained in COM.TEX/SB/913, 1107, 1132, 1187 and 1331.

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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 further amendment of the bilateral textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Sri Lanka.

This amendment establishes a specific limit for cotton and mmf coveralls (category 359-C/659-C). The U.S. had requested consultations pursuant to paragraph 6 of the U.S.-Sri Lankan bilateral agreement on 29 May 1987 to deal with real risk of market disruption caused by imports of this product. The formula level set out in paragraph 6 would have been 981,824 dozen; the mutually agreed level is 1,400,000 dozen for the period 1 June 1987 - 3 May 1988.

Copies of the notes giving effect to this amendment are attached.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister Counselor



Textiles Division

Public Release

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

October 21, 1987

UNITED STATES AND SRI LANKA AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Sri Lanka exchanged notes on September 14, and 25, 1987 to amend their bilateral textile agreement. Text of the notes follow.

UNITED STATES NOTE

September 14, 1987

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the arrangement regarding international trade in textiles, with annexes, done at Geneva on December 22, 1973, and extended by the protocols adopted on December 14, 1977, December 22, 1981 and July 31, 1986. I also refer to the agreement on textiles between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka dated May 10, 1983 (hereinafter referred to as The Agreement) and to consultations held in Colombo in August 1987 between representatives of our two Governments.

I have the honor to propose the following amendment to Annex B of The Agreement:

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SPECIFIC LIMITS AND SUB-LIMITS

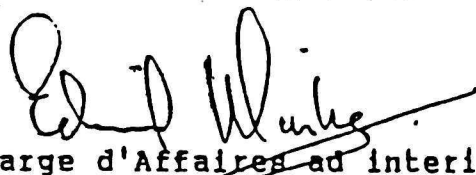
	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>6/01/87- 5/31/88 LIMIT</u>
359-C/659-C (Coveralls and Overalls)	Lbs.	1,400,000

I also have the honor to propose that 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>
359-C, 659-C	359-C/659-C	None

If the foregoing is acceptable to your Government, this note and your note of confirmation on behalf of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka shall constitute amendment to The Agreement.

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


Charge d'Affaires ad interim

25 September, 1987.

SIR LANKA NOTE

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 14th September, 1987 which reads as follows:-

" I have the honor to refer to the arrangement regarding international trade in textiles, with annexes, done at Geneva on December 22, 1973, and extended by the protocols adopted on December 14, 1977, December 22, 1981 and July 31, 1986. I also refer to the agreement on textiles between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka dated May. 10, 1983 (hereinafter referred to as The Agreement) and to consultations held in Colombo in August 1987 between representatives of our two Governments.

I have the honor to propose the following amendment to Annex B of The Agreement :

SPECIFIC LIMITS AND SUB-LIMITS

	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>6/01/87- 5/31/88 LIMIT</u>
359-C/659-C (Coveralls and Overalls)	Lbs.	1,400,000

I also have the honor to propose that the following categories be added to paragraph 2(b) of The Agreement:

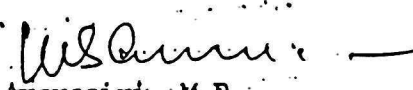
<u>Categories</u> <u>Merged</u>	<u>Designation in</u> <u>The Agreement</u>	<u>Sub-Categories</u>
359-C, 659-C	359-C/659-C	None

If the foregoing is acceptable to your Government, this note and your note of confirmation on behalf of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka shall constitute amendment to The Agreement.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration "

I confirm that the above letter sets out correctly the understanding reached between our two Governments.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.


M.S. Amarasiri, M.P.
Minister/Trade & Shipping,
Democratic Socialist Republic of
Sri Lanka.