

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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## TARIFFS AND TRADE

TEX.SB/1423\*

23 December 1987

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Textiles Surveillance Body

### ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

#### Notification under Article 4

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

#### Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States of a further amendment of its bilateral agreement with Bangladesh. Specific limits were agreed on Categories 338/339 (cotton knit shirts), 342/642 (cotton and man-made fibre skirts) and 638/639 (man-made fibre knit shirts).<sup>1</sup> The agreed restraint on Category 338/339 superseded a unilateral measure taken by the United States under Article 3:5.

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<sup>1</sup>The bilateral agreement and previous amendments are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1158, 1232, 1280 and 1319.

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**UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

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November 19, 1987

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

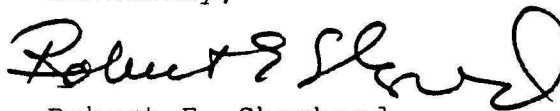
Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 4 of Article 4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles I am instructed by my government to inform the Textiles Surveillance Body of the further amendment of the bilateral textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Bangladesh.

This amendment establishes three new specific limits. These restraints were sought by the United States pursuant to Article 3 of the Arrangement to deal with the market disruption caused by imports from Bangladesh of the products concerned:

<u>Product</u>	<u>"Call" Date</u>	<u>Roll Back Level</u>	<u>Agreed Restraint (Notional Annual Level</u>
cotton knit shirts (338/339)	Feb 87	275,474 doz	600,000 doz
cotton and mmf skirts (342/642)	June 87	111,761 doz	198,000 doz
mmf knit shirts	Aug 87	448,860 doz	775,000 doz

Growth and swing are set at 6%, carryover/carry forward is set at 11/6%.

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.

OCTOBER 13, 1987

## UNITED STATES AND BANGLADESH AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Bangladesh amended their Bilateral Textile Agreement by exchange of notes on October 6 and October 9, 1987. Text of the notes follow:

### UNITED STATES NOTE

October 9, 1987

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to His Excellency the Ambassador of Bangladesh and refers to the Agreement between the Government of Bangladesh and the Government of the United States of America relating to trade in certain apparel categories effected by exchange of Notes on February 19 and February 24, 1986, and amended by exchange of Notes on March 25 and March 27, 1987. The Secretary of State has the further honor to refer to consultations held in Washington, September 14-17, 1987 between the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of Bangladesh concerning Bangladesh exports of apparel to the United States.

On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, the Secretary proposes that the Agreement shall be amended to establish the Specific Limits listed below:

For more  
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<u>June 1, 1987-</u> <u>January 31, 1988</u>	<u>February 1, 1988-</u> <u>January 31, 1989</u>	<u>February 1, 1989-</u> <u>January 31, 1990</u>
338/339 400,000 doz.	636,000 doz.	674,160 doz.
<u>July 1, 1987-</u> <u>January 31, 1988</u>	<u>February 1, 1988-</u> <u>January 31, 1989</u>	<u>February 1, 1989-</u> <u>January 31, 1990</u>
342/642 115,500 doz.	209,880 doz.	222,473 doz.
<u>Sept. 1, 1987-</u> <u>January 31, 1988</u>	<u>February 1, 1988-</u> <u>January 31, 1989</u>	<u>February 1, 1989-</u> <u>January 31, 1990</u>
638/639 322,917 doz.	821,500 doz.	870,790 doz.

The conversion factor for special shift and swing in Category 638/639 will be 15.5 square yards per dozen. Swing of 6 percent shall be available. Carryforward of 6 percent will be available, except in the final Agreement Year. Carryover of 11 percent shall be available, except in the first Agreement Year. The combination of carryover and carryforward shall not exceed 11 percent in any one Agreement Year.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, then this note and a note of confirmation from his Excellency on behalf of the People's Republic of Bangladesh shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Department of State,

Washington,

October 6, 1987.

BANGLADESH NOTE

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Department of State's Note Verbale of September 29, 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 Washington September 14 - 17, 1987.

I wish to clarify that it is the understanding of the Government of Bangladesh that the agreement shall be amended to establish the specific limits as listed below:

	<u>June 1, '87- Jan. 31, '88.</u>	<u>Feb. 1, '88- Jan. 31, '89.</u>	<u>Feb. 1, '89- Jan. 31, '90.</u>
338/339	400,000 doz.	636,000 doz.	674,160 doz.
	<u>July 1, '87- Jan. 31, '88.</u>	<u>Feb. 1, '88- Jan. 31, '89.</u>	<u>Feb. 1, '89- Jan. 31, '90.</u>
342/642	115,500 doz.	209,880 doz.	222,473 doz.
	<u>Sept. 1, '87- Jan. 31, '88.</u>	<u>Feb. 1, '88- Jan. 31, '89.</u>	<u>Feb. 1, '89- Jan. 31, '90.</u>
638/639	322,917 doz.	821,500 doz.	870,790 doz.

I wish also to clarify that the conversion factor to be used for special shift and swing in Category 638/639 shall be 15.5 square yards per dozen. If these clarifications are acceptable to the United States then the Government of Bangladesh confirms that the proposed amendment conforms to the understanding reached between the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the United States. This note and the note of U.S. confirming this clarification will constitute an amendment to the agreement.

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

  
( A.Z.M. Obaidullah Khan )