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30 November 1988

Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Amendment of the bilateral agreement between the United States and Hungary

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States of a further amendment of its bilateral agreement with Hungary. Restraints were agreed on Categories 313 (sheeting) and 604 (mmf yarn) for the period 1 March 1988 to 31 December 1991.¹

¹The bilateral agreement and previous amendments are contained in COM.TEX/SB/864, 972, 1063, 1194, 1301, 1321 and 1440.

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The Honorable
Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
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Rue De Lausanne 154
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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 Hungary.

This amendment provides new specific limits on cotton sheeting (category 313) and mmf yarn (category 604). The U.S. requested consultations on these two products to avoid real risk of market disruption in the context of consultations on other products in January 1988, and reached agreement with Hungary during consultations in April:

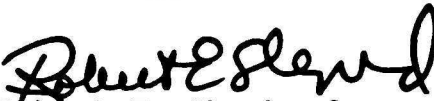
<u>Category</u>	<u>Reference Level Oct 1987</u>	<u>Notional Annual Level</u>	<u>Growth</u>
313	7,200,000 sys	13,250,000 sys	6 percent
604	718,000 lbs	1,500,000 lbs	6 percent

Swing and carryover/carry forward were set in accordance with paragraphs 4 and 5 of the basic bilateral, i.e., at 5 percent and 11/6 percent, respectively.

The Honorable
Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli
November 9, 1988
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Attached are copies of the notes giving effect to this
bilateral.

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.

August 29, 1988

UNITED STATES AND HUNGARY AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and the People's Republic of Hungary exchanged notes in Budapest on June 23, 1988 and August 1, 1988, to amend their Bilateral Textile Agreement. Text of the notes follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE

Budapest, June 23, 1988

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Trade of the People's Republic of Hungary and has the honor to refer to the Arrangement regarding international trade in textiles (the Arrangement) and to the bilateral agreement between the Government of the United States of America, and the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products with annexes, effected by exchange of notes done at Budapest February 15 and 25, 1983, as amended (the Agreement). The Embassy also refers to discussions in Washington between representatives of the Governments of the United States and Hungary during May 23 and 24, 1988.

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The Embassy of the United States has the honor to propose, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, that the agreement be amended as follows:

I. The following categories shall be added to annexes A and B of the Agreement:

Annex A(1)

New Category System and Conversion Factors

(effective January 1, 1988)

Category	Description	Conversion Factor	Unit
			to Square Yards

FABRIC

COTTON

313	SHEETING	1.0	SYD
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YARN

MAN-MADE FIBER

604	STAPLE SYNTHETIC YARN	4.1	LB
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Annex B(1)

New Category System Limits

(effective January 1, 1988)

Category	Unit	3/1-12/31 1988	1989	1990	1991
<u>FABRIC</u>					
313	SYD	11,042,000	14,045,000	14,887,700	15,780,962

YARN

MAN-MADE FIBER

604	LB	1,250,000	1,590,000	1,685,400	1,786,524
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Annex A(2)

Harmonized Commodity Code Listings

(Enters into effect on notification by the United States
that it has adopted the Harmonized Commodity Code)

Category	Description	Conversion Factor to Square Meters	Unit
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FABRIC

COTTON

313	SHEETING	1.0	M2
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YARN

MAN-MADE FIBER

604 STAPLE SYNTHETIC YARN 7.6 KG

Annex B(2)

Harmonized Commodity Code Limits

(Enters into effect on notification by the United States
that it has adopted the Harmonized Commodity Code)

Category Unit	3/1-12/31	1989	1990	1991
	1988			

FABRIC

COTTON

313	M2	9,232,240	11,743,409	12,448,014	13,194,895
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YARN

MAN-MADE FIBER

604	KG	566,991	721,212	764,485	810,354
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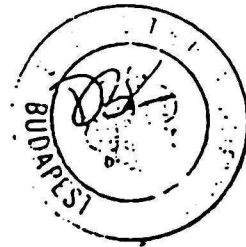
Swing, carryover and carry forward shall be available pursuant to paragraphs 4 and 5 of the agreement.

III. If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the People's Republic of Hungary, then this note and the note of confirmation of the Government of the People's Republic of Hungary, shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement between our two governments.

The Embassy of the United States of America takes this opportunity to present to the Ministry of Trade of the Hungarian People's Republic the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America,

Budapest, June 23, 1988.



HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC

Budapest
August 1, 1988

The Ministry of Trade of the Hungarian People's Republic presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in Budapest and has the honour to refer to the Embassy's Note No.287 dated June 23, 1988 which reads as follows:

" The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Trade of the People's Republic of Hungary and has the honor to refer to the Arrangement regarding international trade in textiles /the Arrangement/ and to the bilateral agreement between the Government of the United States of America, and the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products with annexes, effected by exchange of notes done at Budapest February 15 and 25, 1983, as amended /the Agreement/. The Embassy also refers to discussions in Washington between representatives of the Governments of the United States and Hungary during May 23 and 24, 1988.

The Embassy of the United States has the honor to propose, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, that the agreement be amended as follows:

I. The following categories shall be added to annexes A and B of the Agreement:

Annex A /1/

New Category System and Conversion Factors
/Effective January 1, 1988/

Category	Description	Conversion Factor to Square Yards	Unit
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FABRIC

COTTON

313	SHEETING	1,0	SYD
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Yarn

MAN-MADE FIBER

604	STAPLE SYNTHETIC YARN	4,1	LB
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Annex B /1/

New Category System Limits
/effective January 1, 1988/

Category Unit	3/1-12/31 1988	1989	1990	1991
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FABRIC

COTTON

313	SYD	11,042,000	14,045,000	14,887,700	15,780,962
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YARN

MAN-MADE FIBER

604	LB	1,250,000	1,590,000	1,685,400	1,786,524
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Annex A /2/

Harmonized Commodity Code Listings

/Enters into effect on notification by the United States
that it has adopted the Harmonized Commodity Code/

Category Description	Conversion Factor to Square Meters	Unit
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FABRIC

COTTON

313	SHEETING	1,0	M2
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YARN

MAN-MADE FIBER

604 STAPLE SYNTHETIC YARN 7,6 KG

Annex B /2/

Harmonized Commodity Code Limits

/Enters into effect on notification by the United States
that it has adopted the Harmonized Commodity Code/

Category Unit	3/1-12/31 1988	1989	1990	1991
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FABRIC

COTTON

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II. Swing, carryover and carry forward be available pursuant to paragraphs 4 and 5 of the agreement.

III. If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the People's Republic of Hungary, then this note and the note of confirmation of the Government of the People's Republic of Hungary, shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement between our two governments.

The Embassy of the United States of America takes this opportunity to present to the Ministry of Trade of the Hungarian People's Republic the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America,

Budapest, June 23, 1988."

The Ministry of Trade has the honour to confirm on behalf of the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic that the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic and this reply thereto shall constitute an agreement between the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic and the Government of the United States of America.

The Ministry of Trade of the Hungarian People's Republic takes this opportunity to present to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

Budapest August 1, 1988

