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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Amendment of the 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 agreement with Hungary. A restraint was agreed on Category 669-P (woven polypropylene bags).¹

¹The bilateral agreement, extensions and previous amendments are contained in COM.TEX/SB/864, 972, 1063, 1194, 1301, 1321, 1440 and 1449.

* English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente



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August 11, 1989

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 Hungary.

This amendment, which was sought by the United States to deal with the real risk of market disruption posed by exports from Hungary of woven polypropylene bags (category 669-P), establishes a specific limit for that product:

<u>Category</u>	<u>RB Level (YE 8/88)</u>	<u>Specific Limit</u>
669-P	359,900 KGS	589,670 KGS

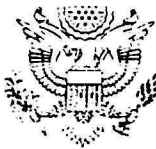
Growth is accorded at 6 percent, swing at 5 percent, and carryover/carry forward at 11/6 percent.

Copies of the notes effecting this amendment are attached.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister Counsellor

Attachment



Public Release

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

February 3, 1989

UNITED STATES AND HUNGARY AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Hungary exchanged notes dated November 29, 1988 and December 13, 1988 to amend their bilateral textile agreement. Texts of the notes follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE

November 29, 1988

The Embassy of the United States presents its compliments to the Ministry of Trade of the People's Republic of Hungary and has the honor to refer 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 textiles and textile products, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes dated February 15 and 25, 1983, as amended (the Agreement).

The Embassy has the further honor to refer to recent discussions in Washington between representatives of the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic and the Government of the United States concerning imports from Hungary of polypropylene bags in Category 669-P. As a result of these discussions, the Embassy, on behalf of the Government of the United States, has the honor to propose the following amendment to the agreement.

Annex A(2) shall be amended by adding Category 669-P as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Conversion Factor to</u> <u>Square Meters</u>	<u>Unit</u>
669-P	Woven man-made fiber bags only	14.40	Kg

Annex B(2) shall be amended by adding the following limits for category 669-P:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>
669-P	Kg	589,670	625,050	662,553

Please note that these limits are in kilograms, since beginning January 1, 1989 the Government of the United States will adopt the harmonized system, which requires the use of metric units.

Swing of 5 percent and carryover/carryforward of 11 percent, with carryforward not to exceed 6 percent, shall be available for this category.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic then this note and a note of confirmation from your government will constitute an Amendment to the Agreement.

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

Embassy of the United States of America,
Budapest, November 29, 1988.



HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC NOTE

December 13, 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 honor to refer to the Embassy's Note dated November 29, 1988 which reads as follows :

"The Embassy of the United States presents its compliments to the Ministry of Trade of the People's Republic of Hungary and has the honor to refer 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 textiles and textile products, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes dated February 15 and 25, 1983, as amended /the Agreement/.

The Embassy has the further honor to refer to recent discussions in Washington between representatives of the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic and the Government of the United States concerning imports from Hungary of polypropylene bags in Category 669-P. As a result of these discussions, the Embassy, on behalf of the Government of the United States, has the honor to propose the following amendment to the agreement.

Annex A/2/ shall be amended by adding Category 669-P as follows :

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Conversion Factor to</u> <u>Square Meters</u>	<u>Unit</u>
669-P	Woven man-made fiber bags only	14.40	Kg

Annex B/2/ shall be amended by adding the following limits for Category 669-P :

<u>Category</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>
669-P	Kg	589,670	625,050	662,553

Please note that these limits are in kilograms, since beginning January 1, 1989 the Government of the United States will adopt the harmonized system, which requires the use of metric units.

Swing of 5 per cent and carryover/carryforward of 11 per cent, with carryforward not to exceed 6 per cent, shall be available for this category.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic then this note and a note of confirmation from your government will constitute an Amendment to the Agreement.

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

Embassy of the United States of America,
Budapest, November 29, 1988"

The Ministry of Trade has the honor 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, December 13, 1988

