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Textile Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Amendment of the bilateral agreement
between the United States and Singapore

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States of amendments of its agreement with Singapore resulting from the implementation by the United States of the harmonized commodity code.¹

¹The bilateral agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1200.

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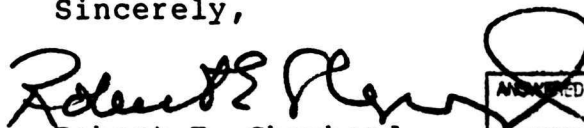
August 10, 1989

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

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I am informing the Textiles Surveillance Body of the amendment of several bilateral textile agreements between the United States of America and other governments participating in the MFA. Each of these amendments involves modifications to take account of changes involving implementation by the United States of the harmonized commodity code (Harmonized System). The governments involved are: China, Macao, Mexico, Peru, Romania, Singapore and Yugoslavia. Copies of the notes giving effect to these amendments are attached.

Sincerely,


Robert E. Shepherd
Minister Counsellor

Attachment

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Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs
Washington, D.C.

June 16, 1989

UNITED STATES AND SINGAPORE AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Singapore amended their bilateral textile agreement by exchanged of notes and letters dated November 17, 1987, December 21, 1987, December 20, 1988 and February 2, 1989. Texts of the notes and letters follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE

November 17, 1987

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to His Excellency the Ambassador of Singapore and has the honor to refer to the Agreement on Trade in Textiles between the Government of Singapore and the Government of the United States of America effected by exchange of notes dated May 30 and June 5, 1986, as amended (the Agreement). The Secretary of State has the further honor to refer to discussions between representatives of the Governments of Singapore and the United States on September 23 - 25, 1987 in Washington, D.C., concerning the new United States textile category system and adoption of the Harmonized Commodity Code by the United States.

As a result of these discussions, the Secretary of State, on behalf of the Government of the United States, has the honor to propose that the Agreement be amended as follows:

1. Annex B shall be amended as stated in Annex B[1] in Annex B of this note if the Harmonized Commodity Code nomenclature has not been adopted by the United States when the new textile category system becomes effective on January 1,

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1988. Annex B(2) in Annex B of this note shall supercede Annex B(1) simultaneously with adoption of the Harmonized System by the Government of the United States.

2. Annex C shall be amended as stated in Annex C(1) in Annex C of this note if the Harmonized Commodity Code nomenclature has not been adopted by the United States when the new textile category system becomes effective on January 1, 1988. Annex C(2) in Annex C of this note shall supercede Annex C(1) simultaneously with adoption of the Harmonized System by the Government of the United States.

3. The following categories, which will be absorbed by other categories, will no longer be included in the Agreement as of January 1, 1988:

601, 602, 605, 610, 612, 659-I, 310, 311, 312, 316, 318, 319, 320, 411, 425, and 429.

4. Paragraph 5(E) shall be amended to include special shift, as stated herein, in addition to the normal swing provisions of Paragraph 5. Shift will be one way and will be calculated on a ratio of one to one in dozens.

	<u>Unit</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>
--From 647 back to 6481	Doz.	139,600	140,996	142,406
--From 638 back to 639	Doz.	310,000	316,200	322,524
--From 634 back to 635	Doz.	38,483	39,637	40,827
--From 640 back to 641	Doz.	242	254	267
--From 334 back to 335	Doz.	1,217	1,254	1,291

5. As of January 1, 1988, Annex A of the Agreement shall be amended as stated in Annex A(1) of this note. Annex A(2) in Annex A of this note shall supercede Annex A(1) simultaneously with adoption of the Harmonized System by the Government of the United States.

6. As of January 1, 1988, Annex D of the Agreement shall be amended as stated in Annex D(1) of this note. Annex D(2) in Annex D of this note shall supercede Annex D(1) simultaneously with adoption of the Harmonized System by the Government of the United States.

7. Upon adoption of the Harmonized System by the Government of the United States, units of measurement under the new textile category system will shift to the metric system. At that time, annexes A(2), B(2), C(2) and D(2) in Annexes A, B, C, and D of this note respectively shall become effective. In addition, Paragraph 4 of the Agreement shall be amended by adding the following after the first sentence that Paragraph:

"These specific limits, upon adoption of the Harmonized System by the Government of the United States and simultaneous conversion to the metric system, shall be equal in dozens or dozen pairs to the level in dozens or dozen pairs under the current system of square yards equivalent conversion, and limits in pounds shall be converted to kilograms at a rate of .45359237 kilograms per pound, and limits in square yards shall be converted to square meters at a rate of .83612736 square meters per square yard." Paragraph 6 of the Agreement shall be amended by adding the following after the second sentence of Paragraph 6: "These levels, upon adoption of the Harmonized System by the Government of the United States and simultaneous conversion to the metric system, shall be equal in dozens or dozen pairs to the level in dozens or dozen pairs under the current system of square yards equivalent conversion, and levels in pounds shall be converted to kilograms at a rate of .45359237 kilograms per pound, and levels in square yards equivalent shall be converted to square meters equivalent at a rate of .83612736 square meters per square yard."

8. Paragraph 3 (A) of the Agreement shall be replaced by new paragraph 3 (A) as stated below simultaneously with adoption of the Harmonized System by the Government of the United States, to reflect the change in the manner of classification of textiles and textile products under the Harmonized System.

"3. (A) (i) Tops, yarns, piece goods, made-up articles, garments and other textile manufactured products, all being products which derive their chief characteristics from their textile components of cotton, wool, man-made fiber, or blends thereof, in which any or all of those fibers in combination represent the chief weight of the product, are subject to this Agreement. Components of an article which are not considered relevant to the classification under the General Rules of Interpretation or the Legal Notes to Section XI of the Harmonized System, are likewise to be disregarded here. For the purposes of this Agreement, textile products covered by this paragraph shall be classified as:

(a) Cotton textiles, if the product is in chief weight of cotton, or if cotton with wool and/or man-made fibers in the aggregate equal or exceed 50 percent by weight of the component fibers thereof and the cotton component equals or exceeds the weight of each of the total wool and/or man-made fiber components, unless the product is a woven fabric in which wool equals or exceeds 36 percent by weight of all fibers, in which case the product will be a wool textile.

(b) Wool textiles, if the product is in chief weight of wool, or, in the case of products which are chief weight of silk or non-cotton vegetable fibers, wool exceeds 17 percent by weight of all fibers.

[c] Man-made fiber textiles, if the product is in chief weight of man-made fibers, or if the man-made fibers in combination of with cotton and/or wool in the aggregate equal or exceed 50 percent by weight of the component fibers thereof and the man-made fiber component exceeds the weight of the total wool and/or cotton component, unless:

[1] the product is knitted or crocheted apparel in which wool equals or exceeds 23 percent by weight of all fibers, in which case the product will be a wool textile; or

[2] the product is apparel, not knitted or crocheted, in which wool equals or exceeds 36 percent by weight of all fibers, in which case the product will be a wool textile;

[3] the product is a woven fabric in which wool equals or exceeds 36 percent by weight of all fibers, in which case the product will be a wool textile.

3. (A) (ii) Coverage under this paragraph is intended to be identical with the terms of Article 12 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles. In the event of a question regarding whether a product is covered by this Agreement by virtue of being chief weight cotton, wool, and man-made fiber, the chief value of the fibers may be considered."

9. Paragraph 3 (C) of the Agreement shall be replaced by new paragraph 3 (C) as stated below simultaneously with adoption of the Harmonized System by the Government of the United States:

"3. (C) The system of categories and the rates of conversion into square meters equivalent listed in Annex A shall apply in implementing this Agreement, except as listed in paragraph 3 (E)."

10. As of January 1, 1988, paragraph 3 (E) of the Agreement shall be amended by deleting "310 and 318" and "none" under the headings "Categories" and "Sub-categories" respectively. Paragraph 3 (E) shall be further amended simultaneously with adoption of the Harmonized System by the Government of the United States by replacing the last sentence of this sub-paragraph to read as follows: "The rate of conversion into square meters equivalent shall be 11.3 for category 352/652."

11. The first sentence of Paragraph 5 (A) (ii) in the Agreement shall be amended simultaneously with adoption of the Harmonized System by the Government of the United States to read as follows: "During any agreement period, any specific limit may be increased by not more than seven (7) percent swing provided that an equivalent quantity in square meters equivalent is deducted from another specific limit."

12. Paragraph 17(C) shall be added to the Agreement and shall read as follows: "The Government of the United States and the Government of Singapore agree to consult, upon the request of either government, on any question arising in the implementation of the Agreement as a result of the conversion to the Harmonized System."

This note and a note of confirmation on behalf of the Government of Singapore shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Enclosure: Annexes

Department of State,
Washington, 17 NOV 1997

ANNEX A OF NOTE

ANNEX A[1]
New Category System Listings

The 200 series of categories refers to cotton or man-made fiber. The 300 series refers to cotton. The 400 series refers to wool. The 600 series refers to man-made fibers.

Category	Description	Conversion Factor to square yards	Unit
Yarn			
200	Sewing Thread and Yards, Put up for Retail Sale	3.6	Lb
201	Other Yarns	3.5	Lb
300	Carded Yarns	4.6	Lb
301	Combed Yarns	4.6	Lb
400	Wool Yarn	2.0	Lb
600	Textured Filament Yarns	3.5	Lb
603	Staple Artificial Yarn	3.4	Lb
604	Staple Synthetic Yarn	4.1	Lb
606	Non-Textured Filament	10.9	Lb
607	Staple Yarn	3.5	Lb
Fabric			
218	Yarns of Different Colors	1.0	Syd
219	Duck	1.0	Syd
220	Fabric of Special Weave	1.0	Syd
222	Knit Fabric	6.7	Lb
223	Non-Woven Fabrics	7.6	Lb
224	Pile and Tufted Fabrics	1.0	Syd
225	Denim	1.0	Syd
226	Cheesecloth, Batistes, etc.	1.0	Syd
227	Oxford Cloth	1.0	Syd
229	Special Purpose Fabric	7.4	Lb
313	Sheeting	1.0	Syd
314	Poplin and Broadcloth	1.0	Syd
315	Printcloth	1.0	Syd
317	Twills	1.0	Syd
326	Sateens	1.0	Syd
410	Woven Fabrics Containing 36 percent or More By Weight Wool	1.0	Syd
414	Other Wool Fabrics	1.5	Lb

611	Staple Artificial Fabric, by weight, 85 percent or more	1.0	Syd
613	Sheeting	1.0	Syd
614	Poplin and Broadcloth	1.0	Syd
615	Printcloth	1.0	Syd
617	Twills and Sateens	1.0	Syd
618	Cellulosic Filament	1.0	Syd
619	Non-Cellulosic Filament, Poly	1.0	Syd
620	Other Non-Cellulosic Filament	1.0	Syd
621	Impression	7.3	Lb
622	Filament Glass Fiber	1.0	Syd
	Staple/Filament		
624	Man-made Fiber Fabric, Woven		
	More than 15 percent but not more than 36 percent Wool	1.0	Syd
	Staple/Filament		
	Combination:		
625	Poplin and Broadcloth	1.0	Syd
626	Printcloth	1.0	Syd
627	Sheeting	1.0	Syd
628	Twills and Sateens	1.0	Syd
629	Other MMF	1.0	Syd

Apparel

339	Cotton and Man-made Infants' Wear	3.4	Lb
330	Handkerchiefs	1.7	Doz
331	Gloves and Mittens	3.5	Dpr
332	Hosiery	4.6	Dpr
333	M and B Suit-type Coats	36.2	Doz
334	Other M and B Coats	41.3	Doz
335	W and G coats	41.3	Doz
336	Dresses	45.3	Doz
337	Playsuits, sunsuits, etc.	25.0	Doz
338	M and B Knit Shirts	7.2	Doz
339	W and G Knit Shirts and Blouses	7.2	Doz
340	M and B Shirts, Not Knit	24.0	Doz
341	W and G Knit Shirts and Blouses, Not Knit	14.5	Doz
342	Skirts	17.8	Doz
343	Sweaters	36.8	Doz
347	M and B Trousers, Slacks, and Shorts	17.8	Doz
348	W and G Trousers, Slacks, and Shorts	17.8	Doz
349	Brassieres and Body Support- ing Garments	4.3	Doz
350	Dressing Gowns, etc.	51.0	Doz
351	Nightwear and Pajamas	52.0	Doz

352	Underwear	11.0	Doz
353	M and B Down-Filled Coats	41.3	Doz
354	W and G Down-Filled Coats	41.3	Doz
359	Other Cotton Apparel	4.6	Lb
431	Gloves and Mittens	2.1	Dpr
432	Hosiery	2.8	Dpr
433	M and B Suit-type Coats	36.0	Doz
434	Other M and B Coats	54.0	Doz
435	W and G Coats	54.0	Doz
436	Dresses	49.2	Doz
438	Knit Shirts and Blouses	15.0	Doz
439	Wool Infants' Wear	3.4	Lb
440	Shirts and Blouses, Not Knit	24.0	Doz
442	Skirts	13.0	Doz
443	M and B Suits	54.0	Doz
444	W and G Suits	54.0	Doz
445	M and B Sweaters	14.38	Doz
446	W and G Sweaters	14.68	Doz
447	M and B Trousers, Slacks and Shorts	13.0	Doz
448	W and G Trousers, Slacks, and Shorts	13.0	Doz
459	Other wool Apparel	2.0	Lb
630	Handkerchiefs	1.7	Doz
631	Gloves and Mittens	3.5	Dpr
632	Hosiery	4.6	Dpr
633	M and B Suit-type Coats	36.2	Doz
634	Other M and B Coats	41.3	Doz
635	W and G Coats	41.3	Doz
636	Dresses	45.3	Doz
637	Playsuits, sunsuits, etc.	21.3	Doz
638	M and B Knit Shirts	13.0	Doz
639	W and G Knit Shirts and Blouses	15.0	Doz
640	M and B Shirts, Not Knit	24.0	Doz
641	W and G Shirts and Blouses, Not Knit.	14.5	Doz
642	Skirts	17.8	Doz
643	M and B Suits	54.0	Doz
644	W and G Suits	54.0	Doz
645	M and B Sweaters	36.3	Doz
646	W and G Sweaters	36.3	Doz
647	M and B Trousers, Slacks, and Shorts	17.8	Doz
648	W and G Trousers, Slacks, and Shorts	17.8	Doz
649	Brassieres and Body Sup- porting Garments	4.8	Doz
650	Dressing Gowns, Etc.	51.0	Doz
651	Nightwear and Pajamas	52.0	Doz
652	Underwear	16.0	Doz
653	M and B Down-Filled Coats	41.3	Doz

654	W and G Down-Filled Coats	41.3	Doz
659	Other Man-made Fiber Apparel	7.8	Lb
Made-Up and Miscellaneous Textiles			
360	Pillowcases	1.1	No
361	Sheets	6.2	No
362	Bedspread and Quilts	6.9	No
363	Terry and Other Pile Towels	0.5	No
369	Cotton Manufactures, not specified (nspf)	4.6	Lb
464	Blankets	1.3	Lb
465	Floor Coverings	0.1	Sft
469	Wool Manufactures, nspf	2.0	Lb
665	Floor Coverings	0.1	Sft
666	Other Furnishings	7.8	Lb
669	Man-made Fiber Manufactures, nspf	7.8	Lb
670	Flat Goods, Handbags, Luggage	2.0	Lb

ANNEX A [2]
New Category System Listings using Harmonized Commodity
Code

Category	Description	Conversion Factor to square meters	Unit
Yarn			
200	Sewing Thread and Yards, Put up for Retail Sale	6.6	Kg
201	Other Yarns	6.5	Kg
300	Carded Yarns	8.5	Kg
301	Combed Yarns	8.5	Kg
400	Wool Yarn	3.7	Kg
600	Textured Filament Yarns	6.5	Kg
603	Staple Artificial Yarn	6.3	Kg
604	Staple Synthetic Yarn	7.6	Kg
606	Non-Textured Filament	20.1	Kg
607	Staple Yarn	6.5	Kg
Fabric			
218	Yarns of Different Colors	1.0	M2
219	Duck	1.0	M2
220	Fabric of Special Weave	1.0	M2
222	Knit Fabric	12.3	Kg
223	Non-Woven Fabrics	14.0	Kg
224	Pile and Tufted Fabrics	1.0	M2
225	Denim	1.0	M2
226	Cheesecloth, Batistes, etc.	1.0	M2
227	Oxford Cloth	1.0	M2
229	Special Purpose Fabric	13.6	Kg
313	Sheeting	1.0	M2
314	Poplin and Broadcloth	1.0	M2
315	Printcloth	1.0	M2
317	Twills	1.0	M2
326	Sateens	1.0	M2
410	Woven Fabrics Containing 36 percent or More By Weight Wool	1.0	M2
414	Other Wool Fabrics	2.3	M2
611	Staple Artificial Fabric, by weight, 85 percent or more	1.0	M2
613	Sheeting	1.0	M2
614	Poplin and Broadcloth	1.0	M2
615	Printcloth	1.0	M2
617	Twills and Sateens	1.0	M2
618	Cellulosic Filament	1.0	M2
619	Non-Cellulosic Filament, Poly	1.0	M2

620	Other Non-Cellulosic Filament	1.0	M2
621	Impression	14.4	Kg
622	Filament Glass Fiber	1.0	M2
	Staple/Filament		
624	Man-made Fiber Fabric, Woven More than 15 percent but not more than 36 percent Wool	1.0	M2
	Staple/Filament		
	Combination:		
625	Poplin and Broadcloth	1.0	M2
626	Printcloth	1.0	M2
627	Sheeting	1.0	M2
628	Twills and Sateens	1.0	M2
629	Other MMF	1.0	M2

Apparel

239	Cotton and Man-made Infants' Wear	6.3	Kg
330	Handkerchiefs	1.4	Doz
331	Gloves and Mittens	2.9	Dpr
332	Hosiery	3.8	Dpr
333	M and B Suit-type Coats	30.3	Doz
334	Other M and B Coats	34.5	Doz
335	W and G coats	34.5	Doz
336	Dresses	37.9	Doz
337	Playsuits, sunsuits, etc.	20.9	Doz
338	M and B Knit Shirts	6.0	Doz
339	W and G Knit Shirts and Blouses	6.0	Doz
340	M and B Shirts, Not Knit	20.1	Doz
341	W and G Knit Shirts and Blouses, Not Knit	12.1	Doz
342	Skirts	14.9	Doz
345	Sweaters	30.8	Doz
347	M and B Trousers, Slacks, and Shorts	14.9	Doz
348	W and G Trousers, Slacks, and Shorts	14.9	Doz
349	Brassieres and Body Support- ing Garments	4.0	Doz
350	Dressing Gowns, etc.	42.6	Doz
351	Nightwear and Pajamas	43.5	Doz
352	Underwear	9.2	Doz
353	M and B Down-Filled Coats	34.5	Doz
354	W and G Down-Filled Coats	34.5	Doz
359	Other Cotton Apparel	8.5	Kg
431	Gloves and Mittens	1.8	Dpr
432	Hosiery	2.3	Dpr
433	M and B Suit-type Coats	30.1	Doz
434	Other M and B Coats	45.1	Doz
435	W and G Coats	45.1	Doz
436	Dresses	41.1	Doz

438	Knit Shirts and Blouses	12.5	Doz
439	Wool Infants' Wear	6.3	Kg
440	Shirts and Blouses, Not Knit	20.1	Doz
442	Skirts	15.0	Doz
443	M and B Suits	45.1	Doz
444	W and G Suits	45.1	Doz
445	M and B Sweaters	12.4	Doz
446	W and G Sweaters	12.4	Doz
447	M and B Trousers, Slacks and Shorts	15.0	Doz
448	W and G Trousers, Slacks, and Shorts	15.0	Doz
459	Other wool Apparel	3.7	Kg
630	Handkerchiefs	1.4	Doz
631	Gloves and Mittens	2.9	Dpr
632	Hosiery	3.8	Dpr
633	M and B Suit-type Coats	30.3	Doz
634	Other M and B Coats	34.5	Doz
635	W and G Coats	34.5	Doz
636	Dresses	37.9	Doz
637	Playsuits, sunsuits, etc.	17.8	Doz
638	M and B Knit Shirts	15.0	Doz
639	W and G Knit Shirts and Blouses	12.5	Doz
640	M and B Shirts, Not Knit	20.1	Doz
641	W and G Shirts and Blouses, Not Knit	12.1	Doz
642	Skirts	14.9	Doz
643	M and B Suits	45.1	Doz
644	W and G Suits	45.1	Doz
645	M and B Sweaters	30.8	Doz
646	W and G Sweaters	30.8	Doz
647	M and B Trousers, Slacks, and Shorts	14.9	Doz
648	W and G Trousers, Slacks, and Shorts	14.9	Doz
649	Brassieres and Body Sup- porting Garments	4.0	Doz
650	Dressing Gowns, Etc.	42.6	Doz
651	Nightwear and Pajamas	43.5	Doz
652	Underwear	13.4	Doz
653	M and B Down-Filled Coats	34.5	Doz
654	W and G Down-Filled Coats	34.5	Doz
659	Other Man-made Fiber Apparel	14.4	Kg

Made-Up and Miscellaneous Textiles

360	Pillowcases	0.9	No
361	Sheets	5.2	No
362	Bedspread and Quilts	5.8	No
363	Terry and Other Pile		

369	Towels	0.4	No
	Cotton Manufactures, not specified [nspf]	3.5	Kg
464	Blankets	2.4	Kg
465	Floor Coverings	1.0	M2
469	Wool Manufactures, nspf	3.7	Kg
665	Floor Coverings	1.0	M2
666	Other Furnishings	14.4	Kg
669	Man-made Fiber Manufactures, nspf	14.4	Kg
670	Flat Goods, Handbags, Luggage	3.7	Kg

ANNEX B OF NOTE

ANNEX B(1)
NEW CATEGORY SYSTEM USING CURRENT MEASUREMENT SYSTEM

Specific Limits in Group I

<u>Category</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>
239	Lb	725,000	761,250	799,313
331	Dpr	324,480	337,459	350,958
334	Doz	54,262	55,890	57,567
335	Doz	163,223	168,120	173,163
337	Doz	62,733	65,242	67,852
338/339	Doz	814,449	855,171	897,930
(338)	Doz	(475,971)	(499,770)	(524,758)
(339)	Doz	(529,220)	(555,681)	(583,465)
340	Doz	569,993	598,492	628,417
341	Doz	143,325	150,491	158,016
342	Doz	88,200	92,610	97,241
347/348	Doz	763,848	786,763	810,366
(347)	Doz	(477,405)	(491,727)	(506,479)
(348)	Doz	(371,315)	(382,454)	(393,928)
435	Doz	6,200	6,262	6,325
604	Lb	1,506,478	1,551,672	1,598,222
631	Dpr	330,750	347,288	364,652
634	Doz	207,166	213,381	219,792
635	Doz	212,000	218,360	224,911
638	Doz	760,883	783,709	807,221
639	Doz	2,863,220	2,920,484	2,978,394
640	Doz	121,517	127,593	133,972
641	Doz	198,208	208,113	218,524
645/646	Doz	116,699	120,200	123,806
647	Doz	410,000	426,400	443,456
648	Doz	1,392,125	1,406,046	1,420,107

ANNEX B [2]
NEW CATEGORY SYSTEM USING METRIC SYSTEM

Specific Limits in Group I

Category	Unit	1988	1989	1990
239	Kg	328,854	345,297	362,562
331	Dpr	324,480	337,459	350,953
334	Doz	54,262	55,390	57,567
335	Doz	163,223	168,120	173,163
337	Doz	62,733	65,242	67,852
338/339	Doz	814,449	855,171	897,930
(338)	Doz	(475,971)	(499,770)	(524,758)
(339)	Doz	(529,220)	(555,681)	(583,465)
340	Doz	569,993	598,492	628,417
341	Doz	143,325	150,491	158,016
342	Doz	88,200	92,610	97,241
347/348	Doz	763,848	786,763	810,356
(347)	Doz	(477,405)	(491,727)	(506,479)
(348)	Doz	(371,315)	(382,454)	(393,928)
435	Doz	6,200	6,262	6,325
604	Kg	683,327	703,827	724,941
631	Dpr	330,750	347,288	364,652
634	Doz	207,166	213,381	219,732
635	Doz	212,000	218,360	224,911
638	Doz	760,883	783,709	807,221
639	Doz	2,863,220	2,920,484	2,978,394
640	Doz	121,517	127,593	133,872
641	Doz	198,208	208,118	218,524
645/646	Doz	116,699	120,200	123,806
647	Doz	410,000	426,400	443,456
648	Doz	1,392,125	1,406,046	1,420,107

ANNEX C OF NOTE

ANNEX C[1]
NEW CATEGORY SYSTEM USING CURRENT MEASUREMENT SYSTEM

Specific Limit

Category	Unit	1988	1989	1990
642	Doz	175,570	186,104	197,270

Designated Consultation Levels

Category	Unit	Annual Designated Consultation Level
222	Syd	2,500,000
333/633	Doz	41,500
336	Doz	70,000
434	Doz	6,000
442	Doz	10,000
445/446	Doz	20,000
636	Doz	140,000
659-Swimwear	Lb	320,000
659-Vests	Lb	320,000
659-Other	Lb	320,000
than swimwear and vests		

ANNEX C[2]
NEW CATEGORY SYSTEM USING METRIC MEASUREMENT SYSTEM

Specific Limit

Category	Unit	1988	1989	1990
642	Doz	175,570	156,104	197,270

Designated Consultation Levels

Category	Unit	Annual Designated Consultation Level
222	M2	2,090,318
333/633	Doz	41,500
336	Doz	70,000
434	Doz	6,000
442	Doz	10,000
445/446	Doz	20,000
636	Doz	140,000
659-Swimwear	Kg	145,150
659-Vests	Kg	145,150
659-Other	Kg	145,150
than swimwear and vests		

ANNEX D OF NOTE

ANNEX D[1]
NEW CATEGORY SYSTEM USING CURRENT MEASUREMENT SYSTEM

	Unit	Annual Designated Consultation Level
Group II	Sye	45,000,000

ANNEX D[2]
NEW CATEGORY SYSTEM USING METRIC SYSTEM

	Unit	Annual Designated Consultation Level
Group II	SME	37,625,731

Following is the text of the U.S. letter of December 21, 1987 proposing to amend the Visa Arrangement:

The Embassy of the United States of America refers to the United States note of November 17, 1987, amending the bilateral textile agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of Singapore to reflect the adoption of the new United States Textile Category System. The Embassy proposes on behalf of the Government of the United States that the visa system be amended as follows, in order to reflect the changes contained in the aforementioned note:

1. Under the current visa system with Singapore, the following part category visas are required: 659-I (infant sets), 659-S (swimwear), 659-V (vests), 659-O (other than infant sets, swimwear and vests). Beginning with exports on and after January 1, 1988, the Governemtn of Singapore should no longer issue the 659-I visa. Also, the 659-O coverage will become "(other than swimwear and vests)."

2. The following combined category visas will be acceptable, in place of visas for the individual member categories, beginning with exports on and after January 1, 1988. The bilateral agreement allows these merged categories to be treated as single categories under the agreement. Because there are no sublimits to these combined categories, either the combined category or the correct single category will be acceptable for visaing purposes: 300/301, 333/633, 351/651, 352/652, 353/354/653/654, 445/446, 645/646.

3. Beginning on January 1, 1988, and with the above exceptions, the Government of Singapore should issue visas with the categories and units as shown in Annex A(1) of the United States note of November 17, 1987 amending the bilateral textile agreement. The Government of Singapore should begin visaing according to Annex (2) of that same note simultaneously with adoption of the Harmonized System by the Government of the United States. This letter and a letter of response on behalf of the Government of Singapore shall constitute an amendment to the visa system agreement.

Following is the text of the U.S. letter of December 21, 1987 proposing to amend the Note of November 17, 1987:

The Embassy of the United States of America refers to the United States note of November 17, 1987, amending the bilateral agreement on textile trade between the United States and Singapore to reflect the adoption of the new United States Category System. The Embassy, on behalf of the Government of the United States, would like to propose the following amendments to the aforementioned note:

1. Category 439, wool children's wear, shall be removed from Annex A(1). This category will not go into effect until the adoption of the Harmonized System by the United States Government, at which time Annex A(2) will become effective.

2. Annexes A(1) and A(2) of the United States note of November 17 amending the bilateral textile agreement, should be amended to reflect a change in the unit of counting for suit categories. Imports of all suits exported on and after January 1, 1988 will be counted in number (individual units of suits), rather than in dozens. Amend annex A(1) as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>SYE Factor</u>	<u>Unit</u>
443	M and B Suits	4.5	No.
444	W and G Suits	4.5	No.
543	M and B Suits	4.5	No.
544	W and G Suits	4.5	No.

Amend Annex A(2) as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>SME Factor</u>	<u>Unit</u>
443	M and B Suits	3.76	No.
444	W and G Suits	3.76	No.
543	M and B Suits	3.76	No.
544	W and G Suits	3.76	No.

Amend Annexes C(1) and C(2) to include the following Designated Consultation Levels:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Annual Designated Consultation Level</u>
443	Number	33,333
444	Number	33,336
543	Number	444,444
544	Number	444,444

UNITED STATES NOTE

Singapore, March 10, 1989

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore and has the honor to submit the attached corrected substitute copy of Diplomatic Note No. 572/88 dated December 20, 1988. On page 6, Section V, the phrase "Annex C(2)" has been changed to "Annex C(1).".

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America

Singapore, March 10, 1989

UNITED STATES NOTE

Singapore, December 20, 1988

No. 572/88

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore and has the honor to refer to the arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles, with Annexes, done at Geneva on December 30, 1973 and extended by protocol on July 31, 1986 (The Arrangement) and to the Agreement on Trade in Cotton, Wool and Man-made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products between the Governments of Singapore and the United States of America effected by exchange of notes dated May 30, 1986 and June 5, 1986 (The Agreement), as amended. The Embassy also refers to the note dated November 17, 1987 proposing to amend the Agreement to bring it into conformance with the Harmonized Commodity Code (The Amendment), as amended by our letter of December 21, 1987, and to the Visa Arrangement effected by exchange of letters dated October 4 and 8, 1982 (Visa Arrangement), as amended. The Embassy further refers to the discussions between representatives of the Governments of Singapore and the United States of America in Hong Kong November 10-11, 1988.

In order to facilitate successful implementation of the Harmonized Commodity Code (Harmonized System), the Embassy would like to describe how the Harmonized System will affect the treatment of textile products exported from Singapore to the United States on or after January 1, 1989.

- A. All textile shipments from Singapore subject to U.S. import quotas which are exported in 1988 and which arrive in the United States on or after January 1, 1989, will be charged to the appropriate unfilled 1988 quota limit. All quota charges for shipments exported on or after January 1, 1989 will be made according to the Harmonized System.
- B. The Agreement provides for calendar year agreement periods that end on December 31. As such, all 1988 overshipments will be charged to the applicable 1989 Harmonized System category regardless of arrival date.
- C. With regard to the Visa Arrangement covering exports of textile products from Singapore to the United States, all goods subject to the Visa Arrangement exported on or after January 1, 1989 must be

covered by a visa showing the correct Harmonized System category number and correct quantity. In addition, please note that under the units rather than in imperial units, as provided for in Annex A(2) of the Amendment.

- D. All provisions of the Amendment regarding the Harmonized System will take effect January 1, 1989. In particular, Annex A(2), Annex B(2), Annex C(2) and Annex D(2) of the Amendment will take force.

In light of the most recent discussions the Embassy has the honor to propose the following:

I. The Amendment comes into force January 1, 1989.

II. Effective January 1, 1989 categories 337 (cotton playsuits) and 637 (man-made fiber playsuits) be merged into a single category, designated as category 237 (cotton and man-made playsuits).

A) Effective January 1, 1989, Annex (A2) shall be amended to delete categories 337 and 637 and replace them with new category 237.

B) Effective January 1, 1989, Annex (B2), Group I, shall be amended to replace the specific limit for category 337 with a specific limit for new category 237 which shall be in category II, as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Unit</u>	1989	1990
		<u>Limit</u>	<u>Limit</u>
237	Doz	190,000	197,600

C) As a consequence of the above, the Group II designated consultation level will be increased 336,127 square meters equivalent (SME) to 38,461,859 SME.

D) Swing of 7 percent shall be available between category 237 and categories in Group I, provided that an equivalent quantity in square meters equivalent is deducted from another specific limit.

Carryover/carryforward of 11 percent, with not more than 6 percent in carryforward, shall also be available. Should the above flexibility (swing and carryover/carryforward) be utilized, the Group II limit will be adjusted accordingly.

III. The Visa Agreement shall be amended by replacing existing paragraph 2 of the Visa Arrangement with the following:

"Properly marked commercial samples, valued at US dollars 250 or less, and merchandise for the personal use of the importer and not for resale, regardless of value, shall not require a visa or certification for entry."

IV. A) Paragraph 7 of the Amendment shall be amended by adding a phrase to the end of the last sentence as follows:

"And levels in square feet shall be converted to square meters at a rate of .09290304 square meters per square foot".

B) Therefore, beginning in 1989, the designated consultation levels for categories 465 and 665 shall be as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Annual Designated Consultation Level</u>
465	M2	139,355
665	1 M2	1,858,061

V. Category 222 in Annex C(1) of the Amendment shall be amended as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Annual Designated Consultation Level</u>
222	LB	373,134

VI. Category 222 in Annex C(2) of the Amendment shall be amended as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Annual Designated Consultation Level</u>
222	KG	169,251

If the foregoing is acceptable to your Government, this note and a note of confirmation on behalf of your Government shall constitute an Amendment to the Agreement.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America
Singapore, December 20, 1983

SINGAPORE NOTE

Singapore, February 2, 1989

MFA 117/89

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States and has the honour to refer to the arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles, with Annexes, done at Geneva on December 20, 1973 and extended by protocol on July 31, 1986 (The Arrangement) and to the Agreement on Trade in Cotton, Wool and Man-made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products between the Governments of Singapore and the United States of America effected by exchange of notes dated May 30, 1986 and June 5, 1986 (The Agreement), as amended. The Ministry also refers to the note dated November 17, 1987 proposing to amend the Agreement to bring it into conformance with the Harmonised Commodity Code (The Amendment), as amended by your letter of December 21, 1987, and to the Visa Arrangement effected by exchange of letters dated October 4 and 8, 1982 (Visa Arrangement), as amended. The Ministry further refers to the discussions between representatives of the Governments of Singapore and the United States of America in Hong Kong

November 10-11, 1988, the letter from the Singapore Embassy in Washington dated December 22, 1988, on the acceptance of visa exemption and the implementation of arrangement on January 1, 1989, and the Embassy's note No. 572/88 dated December 20, 1988.

The Ministry notes that in its note of December 20, 1988, the Embassy has described how the Harmonised System will affect the treatment of textile products exported from Singapore to the United States on or after January 1, 1989:

- A All textile shipments from Singapore subject to US import quotas which are exported in 1988 and which arrive in the United States on or after January 1, 1989 will be charged to the appropriate unfilled 1988 quota limit. All quota charges for shipments exported on or after January 1, 1989 will be made according to the Harmonised System.
- B The Agreement provides for calendar year agreement periods that end on December 31. As such, all 1988 overshipments will be charged to the applicable 1989 Harmonised System category regardless of arrival date.
- C With regard to the Visa Agreement covering exports of textile products from Singapore to the United States, all goods subject to the Visa Arrangement exported on or after January 1, 1989 must be covered by a visa showing the correct Harmonised System category number and correct quantity. In addition, please note that under the units rather than in imperial units, as provided for in Annex A(2) of the Amendment.

D All provisions of the Amendment regarding the Harmonised System will take effect January 1, 1989. In particular, Annex A(2), Annex C(2) and Annex D(2) of the Amendment will take force.

In view of the above, and the Embassy's letter of January 5, 1989, the Ministry has the honour to accept the Embassy's proposals as follows:

- I The Amendment comes into force January 1, 1989.
- II Effective January 1, 1989 categories 337 (cotton playsuits) and 637 (man-made fiber playsuits) be merged into a single category, designated as category 237 (cotton and man-made playsuits).
 - A Effective January 1, 1989, Annex (A2) shall be amended to delete categories 337 and 637 and replace them with new category 237.
 - B Effective January 1, 1989, Annex (B2), Group I, shall be amended to replace the specific limit for category 337 with a specific limit for new category 237 which shall be in Group II, as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>1989 Limit</u>	<u>1990 Limit</u>
237	Doz	190,000	197,600

C As a consequence of the above, the Group II designated consultation level will be increased 836,127 square meters equivalent (SME) to 38, 461, 859 SME.

D Swing of 7 percent shall be available between category 237 and categories in Group I, provided that an equivalent quantity in square meters equivalent is deducted from another specific limit. Carryover/carryforward of 11 percent, with not more than 6 percent in carryforward, shall also be available. Should the above flexibility (swing and carryover carryforward) be utilised, the Group II limit will be adjusted accordingly.

III The Visa Agreement shall be amended by replacing existing paragraph 2 of the Visa Arrangement with the following:

"Properly marked commercial samples, valued at US dollars 250 or less, and merchandise for the personal use of the importer and not for resale, regardless of value, shall not require a visa for certification for entry."

- IV A) Paragraph 7 of the Amendment shall be amended by adding a phrase to the end of the last sentence as follows:

"And levels in square feet shall be converted to square meters at a rate of 0.09290304 square meters per square foot."

- B) Therefore, beginning in 1989, the designated consultation levels for categories 465 and 665 shall be as follows:

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- VI Category 222 in Annex C(2) of the Amendment shall be amended as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Annual Designated Consultation Level</u>
222	KG	169,251

This note confirms the agreement of the Singapore Government to the Amendment to the Agreement. This note together with the Amendment, the letter of December 21, 1987 and the note of December 20, 1988 constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States the assurances of its highest consideration.

SINGAPORE

2 February 1989



Embassy of the United States of America

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