#### **GENERAL AGREEMENT ON**

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#### TARIFFS AND TRADE

Textile Surveillance Body

#### ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Amendment of the bilateral agreement between the United States and Yugoslavia

Note by the Chairman

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The bilateral agreement previous extensions and amendments are contained in COM.TEX/SB/440, 681, 971, 1153, 1154 and 1259.

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#### UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

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Telephone: 32 09 70

August 10, 1989

The Honorable
Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
General Agreement on Tariffs & Trade
Rue de Lausanne 154
1211 Geneva

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.

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Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd Minister Counsellor

Attachment

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

March 20, 1989

# THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA AMEND THEIR BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and The Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia amended their Bilateral Textile Agreement by exchange of notes dated April 15, 1988 and December 30, 1988. Texts of the

#### UNITED STATES NOTE

Belgrade, April 15, 1988

The Embassy of the United States presents its compliments to the Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and has the honor to refer to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade In Textiles (the Arrangement), the bilateral agreement between the United States of America and the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia relating to trade in certain textiles and textile products effected by the exchange of Notes dated October 26 and 27, 1978, as amended (the Agreement), to the Embassy Note 156 of December 16, 1987, and the consultations held between representatives of our governments in Washington on January 19 and 20, 1988. This Note supersedes and replaces Note 156.

The Embassy has the honor to propose, on behalf of the United States Government that the Agreement be further amended as follows. These changes are necessary in order to bring the Agreement into conformity with the Harmonized Commodity Code (HCC).

I. Effective January 1, 1988, Annex  $\Lambda$  of the Agreement will be replaced by Annex A (1) below and Annex B shall be replaced by Annex B (1), also below. Annex  $\Lambda$  (1) and B (1) are to remain in effect until the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is otherwise notified by the Government of the United States of America.

# ANNEX A (1) INTERIM HCC LISTINGS (EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1988)

CATEGOR	Y DESCRIPTION	CONVERSION FACTOR TO SQUARE YARDS	TINU
——————————————————————————————————————	the state and the second	YARN	
MAN-MADI 604	Staple Synthetic Yarn	4.1	LB
NO'I''I'OD	01-1 11 11		» I
300	Carded Yarns	4.6	, TB
301	Combed Yarns	4.6	LB
	<u>F.</u>	ABRIC	
COTTON			
313	Sheeting	1.0	SYD
	AP	PAREL	
COTTON			
338	M and B Knit Shirts	7.2	DOZ
339	W, G and I Knit	,,,	200
240	Shirts and Blouses	7.2	DOZ
340	M and B Shirts not knit	24.0	DOZ
341	W, G and I Shirts and	24.0	DOZ
*	Blouses, not knit	14.5	DOZ
WOOL			
433	M and B Suit-type Coats	36.0	DOZ
434	Other M and B Coats	54.0	DOZ
435	W, G and I Coats	54.0	DO7.
442 443	Skirts .	18.0	DOZ
444	M and B Suits W, G and I Suits	4.5 4.5	NOS
447	M and B Trousers,	4.5	NOS
	Slacks and Shorts	18.0	DOZ
448	W.G and I Trousers,		200
	Slacks and Shorts	18.0	DOZ
MAN-MADE	FIBER		
640	M and B Shirts, not		
643	knit	24.0	DOZ
641	W, G and I Shirts and		
643	Blouses, not knit M and B Suits	14.5	DOZ
644	W, G and I Suits	4.5 4.5	NOS
645	M and B Sweaters	36.8	NOS DOZ
	WALE-UP AND MISC	ELLANEOUS TEXTILES	
MVII-WVDE			
666	Other Furnishings	7.8	LB

ANNEX B (1)
LIMITS UNDER NEW CATEGORY SYSTEM

CATEGORY	UNIT	1/1/88 - 12/31/88	1/1/89 - 12/31/89
300/301	I.BS	3,500,000	3,710,000
313	SYD	13,000,000	13,780,000
338/339	DOZ	550,000(X)	466,400
(338/339 -			
Other than			
Tank Tops			
And T-Shirts)	DOZ	330,000(X)	279,840
340/640	DOZ	382,024	404,495
341/641	DOZ.	249,100	264,046
433	DOZ	7,899	7,978
434	DOZ	8,758	8,846
435	DOZ	38,637	39,023
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442	DOZ	10,858	10,967
443/643	NOS	287,844	305,115
(443)	NOS	103,020	104,050
444	NOS	91,152	92,064
447/448	DOZ	48,424	48,908
(447)	DOZ	28,849	29,137
(448)	DOZ	28,849	29,137
604-A	LBS	636,000	674,160
645/646	DOZ	116,600	123,596
666	LBS	2,014,000	2,134,840

(X) - For the period 10/1/87 to 12/31/88.

II. Upon notification by the United States Government that it has adopted the Harmonized Commodity Code (HCC), paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Agreement shall be immediately amended by substituting the following language for coverage and classification:

#### COVERAGE OF THE AGREEMENT

2: Textiles and textile products covered by this Agreement are those listed in Annex  $\Lambda(2)$ . 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, and 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 of the legal notes to Section XI of the harmonized system are likewise to be disregarded here.

- 3. For the purpose of this Agreement, textile products covered by this paragraph shall be classified as:
- (I) Cotton textiles if the product is in chief weight of botton, or if cotton with wool and/or man-made fiber in the aggregate equal or exceed 50 percent by weight of the component fibers thereof the cotton component equals or exceeds the weight of each of the total wool and/or man-made fiber components, unless:
- (A) 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.
- (II) Wool textiles, if the product is in chief weight of wool, or in the case of products which are chief weight or silk or non-cotton vegetable fibers, wool exceeds 17 percent by weight of all fibers.
- (III) Man-made fiber textiles, if the product is in chief weight of man-made fibers, or if the man-made fibers in combination with cotton and/or wool in the aggregate equal or exceed 50 percent by weight of the component exceeds the weight of the total wool and/or cotton component, unless:
- (A) The product is knitted or crocheted apparel in which wool equals or exceed 23 percent by weight of all fibers, in which case the product will be wool textile; or

- (B) 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;
- (C) 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.

Coverage under this paragraph is intended to be identical with the terms of Article 12 of the arrangement regarding international trade in textiles and in conformance with paragraph 24 of the July 31, 1987, protocol of extension. In the event of a question regarding whether a product is covered by this Agreement by virtue of being in chief weight of cotton, wool, or man-made fiber the chief value of the fibers may be considered.

III. Upon adoption of the complete HCC by the United States, Annex A(1) will be replaced by Annex A(2) below and Annex B(1) will be replaced by Annex B(2), also below.

### HARMONIZED COMMODITY CODE LISTINGS

(To enter into effect upon notification by the United States, that it has adopted the Harmonized Commodity Code.)

CATEGORY DESCRIPTION

CONVERSION FACTOR
TO SQUARE YARDS

UNIT

#### YARN

#### MAN-MADE FIBER

604 Staple Synthetic Yarn

7.6

KG

COTTON			
	Carded Yarns Carded Yarns	8.5 8.5	KG KG
	FAB <u>I</u>	RIC	
COTTON			
	Sheeting	1.0	M2
	ΛΡΡΛΙ	REL	
338 339	M and B Knit Shirts W and G Knit Shirts	6.0	DOZ
	and Blouses M and B Shirts, not knit	6 0 20.1	DOZ DOZ
	W and G Shirts and Blouses, not knit		DOZ
WOOL			
434 435 442 443	M and B Suit-Type Coats Other M and B Coats W and G Coats Skirts M and B Suits W and G Suits	30.1 45.1 45.1 15.0 3.76 3.76	DOZ DOZ DOŻ NOS NOS
447	M and B Trousers, Slacks and Shorts W and G Trousers, Slacks and Shorts	15.0 15.0	DOZ DOZ
MAN-MADE	FIBER		
640 641	M and B Shirts, not knit W and B Shirts and Blouse	2,	DOZ
64.5	not knit M and B Suits M and B Sweaters W and G Sweaters	12.1 3.76 30.8 30.8	DOZ NOS DOZ DOZ
•	MADE-UP AND MISCEL	LANEOUS TEXTILES	
MAN-MADE	FIBER		
666	Other Furnishings	14.4	KG

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ANNEX B (2)
LIMITS UNDER THE HARMONIZED COMMODITY CODE

:ATEGORY	UNIT	1/1/88 - 12/31/88	1/1/89 - 12/31/89
300/301 313 338/339	KG M2 DOZ	1,587,573 10,869,656 550,000(x)	1,682,828 11,521,835 466,400
338/339 - Other than Cank Tops	502	330,000(x)	100/100
ind T-Shirts)	DOZ	(330,000)(X)	(279,840)
140/640	DZ	382,024	404,945
:41/641	DZ	249,100	264,046
:33	DZ	10,930	11,039
. 3 4	DZ	8,758	8,846
135	DZ	45,684	46,141
142	DZ	17,905	18,084
144	NOS	22,224	22,224
143/643 .	NOS	234,960	249,060
[443]	NOS	66,648	67,320
147/448	DZ	51,455	51,970
447)	DZ	30,655	30,962
448)	DZ	30,655	30,962
,04-A.	KG	288,485	305,794
45/646	DZ	116,600	123,596
66	KG	913,535	968,347

X) For the period 10/1/87 to 12/31/88

If the proposal of the United States Government regarding he wording of Annex B (2) is not acceptable, the Socialist 'ederal Republic of Yugoslavia may prefer the following alternative. Either alternative is acceptable to the United States Government, which awaits a note from the Socialist 'ederal Republic of Yugoslavia indicating its preference for either, of these two options:

Annex B (2)

CATEGORY	UNIT	1/1/88 - 12/31/88	1/1/89 - 12/31/89
300/301	KG	1,587,573	1,682,828 11,521,835
313	M2	10,869,656	
338/339	DOZ	550,000(X)	466,400
(338/339 -			
Other than			
Tank Tops		(222 222) (2)	(270 840)
and T-Shirts)	DOZ	(330,000)(X)	(279,840)
340/640	DZ	382,024	404,945
341/641	DZ	249,100	264,046
433	DOZ	7,899	7,978
434	DZ	8,758	8,846
435	DOZ	38,637	39,023
442	DOZ	10,858	10,967
443/643	NOS	287,844	305,115
(443)	NOS	103,020	104,050
444	NOS	91,152	92,064
447/448	DOZ	48,424	48,908
(447)	DZ	30,655	30,962
(448)	DZ	30,655	30,962
604-N	KG	288,485	305,794
645/646	DZ	116,600	123,596
666	KG	913,535	968,347
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(X) For the period 10/1/87 to 12/31/88

In accordance with paragraph 18 of the 1986 Protocol of Extension, the United States Government also reaffirms its willingness to consult promptly with the Government of Yugoslavia regarding any questions of implementation or interpretation which may arise as a result of the conversion to the HCC. The United States Government also reaffirms that these changes are intended to be trade neutral and that they are not intended to alter the ability of Yugoslavia to use or benefit fully from the Agreement.

If these proposals are acceptable to the Government of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, then this Note and the Note of confirmation of the Government of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement between our two governments.

The Embassy of the United States of America takes this opportunity to renew to the Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America,
Belgrade, April 15, 1988.



#### YUGOSLAVIA NOTE

NOTE No. 73 98
Belgrade, December 30, 1988

The Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Embassy's Note No. 38 of April 15,1988, relating to the Agreement between the Federal Executive Council of the Assembly of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Government of the United States of America on trade in certain textiles and textile products, effected by the exchange of Notes in 1978 as amended (the Agreement), which reads as follows:

"Note No. 38

The Embassy of the United States presents its compliments to the Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and has the honor to refer to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (the Arrangement), the bilateral agreement between the United States of America and the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia relating to trade in certain textiles and textile products effected by the exchange of Notes dated October 26 and 27, 1978, as amended (the Agreement), to the Embassy Note 156 of December 16, 1987, and the consultations held between representatives of our governments in Washington on January 19 and 20, 1988. This Note supersedes and replaces Note 156.

The Embassy has the honor to propose, on behalf of the United States Government that the Agreement be further amended as follows. These changes are necessary in order to bring the Agreement into conformity with the Harmonized Commodity Code (HCC).

I. Effective January 1, 1988, Annex A of the Agreement will be replaced by Annex A (1) below and Annex B shall be replaced by Annex B (1), also below. Annex A (1) and B (1) are to remain in effect until the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is otherwise notified by the Government of the United States of America.

# ANNEX A (1) INTERIM HCC LISTINGS (EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1988)

CATEGORY DESCRIPTION CONVERSION FACTOR UNIT
TO SQUARE YARDS

#### YARN

MAN-MADE FIBE	<u>R</u> .		•
604	Staple Synthetic Yarn	4.1	LB
COTTON			
300	Carded Yarns	4.6	LB
301	Combed Yarns	4.6	LB
	<u>FABRIC</u>		
COTTON			
313	Sheeting	1.0	SYD
COTTON	APPAREL		
338	M and B Knit Shirts	7.2	DOZ
339	W, G and I Knit		

	Shirts and Blouses	7.2	DOZ
340	M and B Shirts		
	not knit	24.0	DOZ
341	W, G and I Shirts and		
	Blouses, not knit	14.5	DQZ
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WOOL			
433	M and B Suit-type Coats	36.0	DOZ
434	Other M and B Coats	54.0	DOZ
435	W, G and I Coats	54.0	DOZ
442	Skirts	18.0	DOZ
443	M and B Suits	4.5	NOS
444	W, G and I Suits	4.5	NOS
447	M and B Trousers,		
	Slacks and Shorts	18.0	DOZ
448	W,G and I Trousers,		
	Slacks and Shorts	18.0	DOZ
MAN-MADE FIBER			
640	M and B Shirts, not		
		24.0	DOZ
641	W, G and I Shirts and		
	Blouses, not knit	14.5	DOZ
643	M and B Suits	4.5	NOS
644	W, G and I Suits	4.5	NOS
645		36.8	DOZ
646	W, G and I Sweaters	36.8	DOZ
	35.		
	SCELLANEOUS TEXTILES		
MAN-MADE FIBER			
666	Other Furnishings	7.8	LB

ANNEX B (1)

#### LIMITS UNDER NEW CATEGORY SYSTEM

CATEGORY	UNIT	1/1/88 - 12/31/88	1/1/89 - 12/31/89
		D	•
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313	SYD	13,000,000	13,780,000
338/339	DOZ	550,000 (x)	466,400
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Other than	n		
Tank Tops	1		
And T-Shi	rts) DOZ	330,000 (x)	279,840
340/640	DOZ	382,024	404,495
341/641	DOZ	249,100	264,046
433	DOZ	7,899	7,978
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645/646	DOZ	116,600	123,596
666	LBS	2,014,000	2,134,840

<sup>(</sup>X) - For the period 10/1/87 to 12/31/88.

II. Upon notification by the United States Government that it has adopted the Harmonized Commodity Code (HCC), paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Agreement shall be immediately amended by substituting the following language for coverage and classification:

COVERAGE OF THE AGREEMENT

- 2. Textiles and textile products covered by this Agreement are those listed in Annex A (2). 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, and mand-made fiber, or blends tehreof, in which any or all of those fibers in combination represent the chief weight of the product, are subject to this Agrement. Components of an article which are not considered relevant to the classification under the general rules of interpretation of the legal notes to Section XI of the harmonized system are likewise to be disregarded here.
- 3. For the purpose of this Agreement, textile products covered by this paragraph shall be classified as:
- (I) Cotton textiles if the product is in chief weight of cotton, or if cotton with wool and/or man-made fiber in the aggregate equal or exceed 50 percent by weight of the component fibers thereof the cotton component equals or exceeds the weight of each of the total wool and/or man-made fiber components, unless:
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- (C) 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.

Coverage under this paragraph is intended to be identical with the terms of Article 12 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles and in conformance with paragraph 24 of the July 31, 1987 Protocol of Extension. In the event of a question regarding whether a product is covered by this Agreement by virtue of being in chief weight of cotton, wool, or man-made fiber the chief value of the fibers may be considered.

III. Upon adoption of the complete HCC by the United States, Annex A (1) will be replaced by Annex A (2) below and Annex B (1) will be replaced by Annex B (2), also below.

## ANNEX A (2) HARMONIZED COMMODITY CODE LISTINGS

(To enter into effect upon notification by the United States that it has adopted the harmonized Commodity Code.).

CATEGORY DESCRIPTION CONVERSION FACTOR UNIT
TO SQUARE YARDS

#### YARN

MAN-MADE FIBER	3		
604	Staple Synthetic Yarn	7.6	KG
COTTON			
300	Carded Yarns		, KG
301	Carded Yarns	8.5	KG
	FABRIC		
COTTON			
313	Sheeting	1.0	M2
	APPAREL		
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
	Blouses, not knit	12.1	DOZ
341	W and G Shirts		
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	not knit	12.1	DOZ

MOOT						
433	М	and	В	Suit-Type Coats	30.1	DOZ
				and B Coats		
435	W	and	G	Coats	45.1	DOZ
442				17	15.0	
443	M	and	В	Suits	3.76	NOS
444	W	and	G.	Suits	3.76	NOS
447	M	and	В	Trousers, Slacks		
	aı	nd Sh	101	rts	15.0	DOZ
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643	M	and	В	Suits	3.76	NOS
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MADE-UP A	ND	MISC	CEI	LLANEOUS TEXTILES		
MAN-MADE	FIE	BER				
666	Ot	cher	Fι	ırnishings	14,4	KG
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CATEGORY	UNI	T		1/1/88-12/31/88	1/1/8	39-12/31/89
300/301	KC	3	:	1,587,573		1,682,828

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#### (X) For the period 10/1/87 to 12/31/88

If the proposal of the United States Government regarding the wording of Annex B (2) is not acceptable, the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia may prefer the following alternative. Either Alterntive is acceptable to the United States Government, which awaits a note from the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia indicating its preference for either of these two options:

#### Annex B (2)

CATEGORY	UNIT	1/1/88-12/31/88	1/1/89-12/31/89
300/301	KG	1,587,573	1,682,828
313	M2	10,869,656	11,521,835
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The Embassy of the United States of America takes this opportunity to renew to the Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America, Belgrade, April 15, 1988."

The Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has the honour to inform the Embassy of the United States of America that the Federal Executive Council of the Assembly of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has approved the text of the said Note, and that from the two proposed alternatives of Annex b (2) has accepted the second (Page 8 of the Note), and that the said Note and reply of the Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs shall be considered as an Agreement Amending the Agreement between the Federal Executive Council of the Assembly of the Federal Socialist Republic of Yugoslavia and the Government of the United States of America relating to trade in certain textiles and textile products, effected by the exchange of notes in 1978 as amended (the Agreement).

The Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assumption its high consideration.

Beograd, December 1988