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TARIFFS AND TRADE

Textile Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Articles 7 and 8

Amendment of the bilateral agreement
between the United States and Mauritius

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States of a further amendment of its bilateral agreement with Mauritius.¹

This notification has been made in accordance with the request made by the Textiles Committee that agreements concluded with non-participants in the MFA be notified.

¹The bilateral agreement and previous amendments are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1092, 1239, 1352 and 1405.

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August 10, 1989

The Honorable
Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli
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Dear Ambassador Raffaelli:

Pursuant to the provisions of Articles 7 and 8 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I am informing the Textiles Surveillance Body of the amendment of the bilateral textile agreement between the United States of America and Mauritius. Copies of the notes giving effect to this amendment are attached.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister Counsellor

Attachment

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

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UNITED STATES AND MAURITIUS AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Mauritius exchanged notes dated December 14, 1988 and January 25, 1989 to amend their bilateral textile agreement. Texts of the notes follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE

Port Louis, December 14, 1988

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of External Affairs and Emigration and has the honor to refer to the Bilateral Agreement regarding textile trade between Mauritius and the United States effected by exchange of notes dated June 3 and 4, 1985, as amended (The Agreement). The Embassy has the further honor to refer to the amendment to the Agreement concerning adoption of the Harmonized System by the Government of the United States, which was presented to the Government of Mauritius in the Embassy's Note No.003 of January 8, 1988 and is still awaiting a formal response (the pending amendment). The proposed amendment in this note will make reference to the annexes to the Agreement as described in the pending amendment.

The Embassy also refers to an amendment to the Agreement effected by exchange of letters dated January 19 and February 22, 1988. With regard to the Government of Mauritius' request for flexibility concerning categories 647/648 and 347/348 that was approved earlier this year and mentioned in the Note of the Embassy of Mauritius in Washington D.C dated February 22, 1988, the date of implementation was March 9, 1988.

The Embassy also refers to consultations held in Washington October 25 and 26 between representatives of the Government of Mauritius and the Government of the United States concerning textile trade issues.

On the basis of those consultations the Embassy has the honor to propose, on behalf of the Government of the United States, that the Agreement be amended as follows:

I Category 340 shall be merged with category 640 to form a new merged category 340/640, cotton and man-made fiber men's and boys' non-knit shirts.

- A) Annex A(1) shall be amended to delete categories 340, 640, and 640Y, and add new merged categories 340/640 and 340Y/640Y as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Conversion Factor</u>	<u>Unit of Measure</u>
340/640	Men's and boys' non-knit Shirts, cotton and man-made fiber	24.0	Doz.
340Y/640Y	Men's and boy's non-knit shirts, yarn-dyed, cotton and man-made fiber	24.0	Doz.

- B) Annex A (2) (Harmonized System) shall be amended to delete categories 340, 640, and 640Y, and add new merged categories 340/640 and 340Y/640Y as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Conversion Factor</u>	<u>Unit of Measure</u>
340/640	Men's and boy's non-knit shirts, cotton and man-made fiber	20.1	Doz.
340Y/640Y	Men's and boys' non-knit shirts, yarn-dyed, cotton and man-made fiber	20.1	Doz.

- C) Annex B shall be amended by adding limits for the new merged category 340/640 and a sub-limit for 340Y/640Y as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Unit</u>	October 1, 1988	October 1, 1989
		<u>September 30, 1989</u>	<u>September 30, 1990</u>
340/640	Doz	331,709	404,612
340Y/640Y	Doz	235,977	250,136

These limits supersede the limits in the existing Agreement on categories 340, 640 and 640Y. The new merged category and sub-limit are entitled to full flexibility provisions of the Agreement.

II. Effective January 1, 1989 a limit shall be established for the merged category 352/652, cotton and man-made fiber underwear, including a sub-limit for category 352, cotton underwear.

A) Annex A (2) (Harmonized System) shall be amended by adding merged category 352/652 and category 352 as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Conversion Factor</u>	<u>Unit of Measure</u>
352/652	Underwear, cotton and man-made fiber	11.3	Doz
352	Underwear, cotton	9.2	Doz

B) Annex B shall be amended by adding limits for the new merged category 352/652, including a sub-limit for category 352 as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>January 1, 1989 September 30, 1989</u>	<u>October 1, 1989 September 30, 1990</u>
352/652	Doz	747,945	1,060,000
352	Doz	635,753	901,000

The merged category and the sub-limit are entitled to carryover and carryforward provisions of the Agreement, but no swing is permitted in or out of the merged category or the sub-limit.

III. Effective January 1, 1989 a limit shall be established for category 336, cotton dresses.

A) Annex A(2) (Harmonized System) shall be amended by adding category 336 as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Conversion Factor</u>	<u>Unit of Measure</u>
336	Dresses, cotton	37.9	Doz

B) Annex B shall be amended by adding limits for category 336 as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>January 1, 1989 September 30, 1989</u>	<u>October 1, 1989 September 30, 1990</u>
336	Doz	44,503	63,070

This category is entitled to full flexibility provisions of the Agreement.

IV. For the Agreement years October 1, 1988 to September 30, 1989 and October 1, 1989 to September 30, 1990, special shift into merged category 338/339, cotton men's and boys', women's and girls' knit shirts and blouses, totalling 20 percent shall be available from merged category 638/639, man-made fiber men's and boys', women's and girls' knit shirts and blouses. This special shift is in addition to existing flexibility provisions of the Agreement.

If these proposals are acceptable to the Government of Mauritius, then this note and the Government of Mauritius' note of confirmation 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 External Affairs and Emigration, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy to the United States of America,
Port Louis, December 14, 1988



MAURITIUS NOTE

No. 8/89(18709/41)

25th January, 1989

The Ministry of External Affairs and Emigration presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and with reference to the Embassy's Note(No. 125) of the 14th December 1989 has the honour to inform the Embassy that the Government of Mauritius is agreeable to the proposals in the note under reference.

The Ministry of External Affairs and Emigration avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurance of its highest consideration.

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