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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 the German Democratic Republic

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States of a modifications in its agreement with the German Democratic Republic resulting from¹ the implementation of the harmonized commodity code by the United States.

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

¹The bilateral agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1305.

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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 several bilateral textile agreements between the United States of America and governments not 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: Burma, the German Democratic Republic, Haiti and Nepal. Copies of the notes giving effect to these amendments are attached.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister Counsellor

Attachment

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UNITED STATES AND THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AMEND BILATERAL AGREEMENT

The United States and The German Democratic Republic exchanged notes in Berlin on December 22, 1987 and May 9, 1988 to amend their bilateral textile agreement. Text of the notes follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE

Berlin, December 22, 1987

No. 1051

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the German Democratic Republic and has the honor to refer to the bilateral agreement regarding textile trade between the German Democratic Republic and the United States, effected through the exchange of notes dated May 10, 1986 and February 27, 1987 (the Agreement).

As a result of the announced intention of the Government of the United States to convert to the Harmonized System, the Embassy has the honor to propose, on behalf of the Government of the United States, that the Agreement be amended as follows:

1. Upon adoption of the Harmonized System, units of measurement will shift to the metric system.

Simultaneously with the adoption of the Harmonized System by the Government of the United States, Annex A of the

Agreement shall be amended as follows in order to reflect the new conversion factor (to square meters):

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	CONVERSION	UNIT OF
		FACTOR	MEASURE
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- 334	Other Men's and Boy's	34.5	Dozen
-	Cotton Coats		

2. Paragraph 2 shall be amended, simultaneously with the adoption by the United States Government of the Harmonized System, to read as follows:

- 2. (A) The category of textile products covered by the agreement and the rate of conversion into square meters equivalent are set out in Annex A. For the purposes of this agreement, textile products shall be classified as:

(A) (I) Tops, Yarns, Piece Goods, Make-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 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.

- (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.

This note and a note of confirmation on behalf of the Government of the German Democratic Republic shall constitute an amendment to the agreement.

The Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry the assurance of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America

Berlin, December 22, 1987



GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC NOTE

Berlin, May 9, 1988

[Note] No. 56/88

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the German Democratic Republic presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in the German Democratic Republic and has the honor, in reply to the Embassy's Note No. 1051 of December 22, 1987, to communicate the following:

The German Democratic Republic agrees to the proposals advanced in Note No. 1051 for amendment of the Agreement Relating to Trade in [Cotton] Textile Products concluded with the United States of America on December 10, 1986, and February 27, 1987.

The German Democratic Republic assumes that with the changeover to the Harmonized Customs System in the United States of America, no tariff increases will arise for its exports in question, and that timely information will be provided about the date on which the Harmonized Customs System becomes effective.

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

Berlin, May 9, 1988

Embassy of the
United States of America
in the German Democratic Republic
Berlin

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