

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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## TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

### ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

#### Notification under Article 4

#### Extension and Amendment of the Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Bangladesh

#### Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States extending the restraint period for certain categories by three years from 1 February 1989 to 31 January 1992.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>The bilateral agreement and previous amendments and/or extensions are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1158, 1232, 1280, 1319 and 1351.

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**March 29, 1990**

The Honorable  
Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli  
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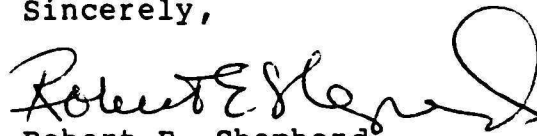
Dear Ambassador Raffaelli:

Attached hereto are copies of notes exchanged between the Governments of the United States and Bangladesh extending for three years nine restraints and three sublimits which were due to expire on January 31, 1989 and for which the U.S. sought extension to deal with problems of market disruption or real risk thereof. One category (336) and the sublimit for category 641 were dropped.

Six of the nine extended restraints were provided with a 10 percent increase in base levels; the remaining three restraints were accorded a 6 percent increase. Increases for the sublimits ranged from 10 percent to 50 percent.

Growth rates of 6 percent were agreed for all categories and sublimits. The flexibility provisions of the agreement (6 percent swing and 11/6 percent carryover/carry forward) apply, but special additional flexibility was provided for categories 347/8, 641 and 647/8.

Sincerely,

  
Robert E. Shepherd  
Minister Counsellor

Attachment

THE UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLE'S  
REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH  
AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

UNITED STATES NOTE

The Department of State refers the Embassy of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the bilateral textile agreement effected by exchange of notes dated February 19 and 24, 1986, and thereafter amended, and the Arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles, done at Geneva, January 20, 1973. The Department also refers to consultations on the bilateral textile trade agreement held in Washington January 30 and 31, 1989.

The Department of State proposes that the bilateral agreement be amended by extending the specific limits listed in Annex B. Conversion factors for these categories are contained in Annex A. This is in addition to limits already agreed and continuing in force on other categories. The term of the extended agreement shall be from February 1, 1989 to January 31, 1992. The agreement shall contain three agreement periods beginning February 1 and ending January 31.

The annual growth rate shall be six percent on the limits set forth in Annex B. Swing of six percent shall be available. Carryforward of six percent shall be available, except in the final Agreement Year. Carryover of eleven percent shall be available. The combination of carryover and carryforward shall not exceed eleven percent in any one Agreement Year.

In addition to regular flexibility, categories 641 and 647/648 shall have special shift in dozens of 15 percent from any other specific limit except category 331.

Special shift up to the amount of 106,120 dozens, on top of normal flexibility, will be granted into category 347/348 for the February 1, 1989 - January 31, 1990 agreement year only, provided an equal quantity is taken from category 647/648.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, then this Note and the Embassy's Note of confirmation shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Department of State,

Washington, 23 JUN 1989

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Annex A

Category	Description	Conversion Factor
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331	Cotton Gloves	2.90
334	Other Men's and Boys' Coats, Ctn.	34.50
335	Women's and Girls' coats, Cotton	34.50
340/640	Mens' and Boys' Woven Shirts, Ctn/MMF	20.10
341	Women's and Girls' Woven Blouses, Ctn.	12.10
347/348	Trousers, slacks and shorts, Ctn.	14.90
635	Women's and Girls Coats, MMF	34.50
641	Womens' and Girls' Woven Blouses, MMF	12.10
647/648	Trousers, Slacks and Shorts, MMF	14.90

Annex B

Category	Feb. 1, 1989- Jan. 31, 1990	Feb. 1, 1990- Jan. 31, 1991	Feb. 1, 1991- Jan. 31, 1992
331	624,160 dpr.	661,610 dpr	701,307 dpr
334	75,161 dz.	79,671 dz.	84,451 dz.
335	134,952 dz.	143,049 dz.	151,632 dz.
340/640	1,581,486 dz.	1,676,375 dz.	1,776,958 dz.
340-y/640-y	(514,730 dz.)	(545,614 dz.)	(578,351 dz.)
341	1,310,118 dz.	1,388,725 dz.	1,472,049 dz.
341-y	(575,339 dz.)	(609,859 dz.)	(646,451 dz.)
347/348	1,179,106 dz.	1,249,852 dz.	1,324,843 dz.
635	170,363 dz.	180,585 dz.	191,420 dz.
641	548,583 dz.	581,498 dz.	616,388 dz.
647/648	741,576 dz.	786,071 dz.	833,235 dz.
647-T/648-T	(482,024 dz.)	(510,943 dz.)	(541,602 dz.)

BANGLADESH NOTE

August 23, 1989.

Ambassador

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Department of State's Note Verbale of June 23, 1989 concerning the Agreement between the United States of America and the People's Republic of Bangladesh pertaining to trade in certain categories pursuant to textile consultations held between representatives of our Governments in Washington, January 30 and 31, 1989.

I would like to confirm herein that your above mentioned note reflects the understanding reached between our two Governments.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.



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