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5 April 1990

Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Amendment of the Bilateral Agreement between
the United States and Mexico

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States of an amendment of its bilateral agreement with Mexico. Two specific limits within the Special Régime (Categories 342/642 and 666) have been converted into designated consultation levels under the Special Régime with effect from 1 January 1989.¹

¹The bilateral agreement and previous amendments are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1394, 1509 and 1515

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UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

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March 29, 1990

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

Attached hereto are copies of notes exchanged between the United States and Mexico to amend their bilateral textile agreement. The amendment involves the conversion of two specific limits to designated consultation levels.

Sincerely,

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Robert E. Shepherd
Minister Counsellor

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 1837

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Secretariat of Foreign Relations of the United Mexican States 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 between the Governments of the United Mexican States and the United States of America concerning exports to the United States of cotton, wool, and man-made fiber textiles and textile products manufactured in the United Mexican States, with annexes, effected on February 13, 1988, as amended (the Agreement). The Embassy has the further honor to refer to consultations held in Washington August 23-25 and September 26 and 27, 1989 to review the Agreement.

As a result of these considerations, the Embassy has the honor to propose the following amendments to the Agreement:

- I. I) Annex C2 shall be amended to include a section called "Special Regime" to include special regime categories subject to designated consultation levels.

II) The Special Regime section of Annex C2 will contain columns listing: category, base level, unit, and percentage of category not subject to Special Regime.

II. I) Annexes B2 and C2 shall be amended by moving category 342/642 from Annex B2 to the Special Regime section of Annex C2.

A) Annex C2 shall be amended by adding the following:

Special Regime

Category	Base Level	Unit	Percentage Not Subject to Special Regime
342/642	307,400	DOZ	20

B) For the 1989 period only, the base level shall be adjusted to 350,000 and the portion of category 342/642's base level not subject to the Special Regime shall be 75,000 DOZ.

II) Annexes B2 and C2 shall be amended by moving category 666 from Annex B2 to the Special Regime section of Annex C2.

A) Annex C2 shall be amended by adding the following:

Category	Base Level	Unit	Percentage
			Not Subject to Special Regime
666	3,461,817	KG	50

B) For the 1989 period only, the portion of category 666's base level not subject to the Special Regime shall be 2,200,000 KG.

III. I) Paragraph 6 shall be amended by adding the following subparagraph:

6.(E) Automatic flexibility: The Government of the United States of America may apply flexibility under paragraphs 5 and 6 to any specific limit whenever that adjustment appears appropriate to facilitate the flow of trade and the sound administration of this Agreement. To the extent that such adjustments are actually utilized, they will be implemented by means of carryover, swing and carryforward, in that order.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United Mexican States, then this note and the Secretariat's note of confirmation shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

The Embassy of the United States avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of Foreign Relations the assurances of its highest consideration.

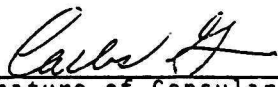
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Embassy of the United States of America
Mexico, D.F., October 2, 1989

CERTIFICATE OF TRUE COPY

UNITED MEXICAN STATES)
CITY OF MEXICO)
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED) SS:
STATES OF AMERICA)

I certify that the annexed document is a true and faithful copy of the original, and that it has been carefully examined by me, compared with the said original, and found to agree with it word for word and figure for figure.


(Signature of Consular Officer)
CARLOS GARCIA
VICE CONSUL OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA
(Typed Name of Consular Officer)

Consul of the United States of America

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section called "Special Regime" to include special regime categories subject to designated consultation levels.

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Embajada de Mexico

Washington, D.C.
November 1, 1989

**Mr. John Hoog
Chief, Textile Division
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Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520**

Dear Mr. Hoog:

I have the honor of referring to diplomatic note no. 1837, presented by the U.S. Embassy in Mexico to the Mexican Secretariat of Foreign Relations on October 2, 1989, concerning the February 13, 1988, Agreement between the United Mexican States and the United States of America relating to Trade in Cotton, Wool and Man-made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products with annexes (The Agreement). The note also mentions the bilateral consultations held in Washington on August 23-25 and September 26 and 27, 1989, to review the Agreement.

In that regard, I wish to inform you that my Government accepts your Government's proposal to amend the Agreement as follows:

- I "Annex C2 shall be amended to include a section called "Special Regime" that will contain special regime categories subject to designated consultation levels. This section will contain columns listing: category, base level, unit and percentage of category not subject to Special Regime.
- II Annexes B2 and C2 shall be amended by moving category 342/642 from Annex B2 to the Special Regime Section of Annex C2. Annex C2 shall be amended by adding the following:

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For the 1989 period level, the base level shall be adjusted to 350,000 DOZ and the portion of category 342/642's base level no subject to the Special Regime shall be 75,000 DOZ.

Annexes B2 and C2 shall be amended by moving category 666 from Annex B2 to the Special Regime Section of Annex C2, and adding the following:

Category	Base Level	Unit	Percentage not subject to Special Regime
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For the 1989 period only, the portion of category 666's base level not subject to the Special Regime shall be 2,200,000 kg.

- III Paragraph 6 shall be amended by adding the following subparagraph:

6 (E) Automatic flexibility. The Government of the United States of America may apply flexibility under paragraph 5 and 6 to any specific limit, whenever that adjustment appears appropriate to facilitate the flow of trade and the sound administration of this Agreement. To the extent that such adjustments are actually utilized, they will be implemented by means of carryover, swing and carry forward, in that order."

Therefore, the present letter and the U.S. Embassy's note shall constitute an amendment to the Bilateral Textile Agreement between our two Governments.

Sincerely,


Gustavo Petricioli
Ambassador