

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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TEX.SB/1672*

30 August 1990

TARIFFS AND TRADE

Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Amendment of the Bilateral Agreement Between the United States and Bangladesh

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States of a further amendment of its bilateral agreement with Bangladesh. The specific limits on Categories 338/339, 342/642, 638/639 and 645/646 were extended for the period 1 February 1990 to 31 January 1993.¹

¹The bilateral agreement and previous amendments and/or extensions are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1158, 1232, 1280, 1319, 1351 and 1536. See also TEX.SB/1671.

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August 29, 1990

The Honorable
Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
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Dear Ambassador Raffaelli:

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 4 of Article 4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I am instructed by my government to inform the Textiles Surveillance Body of two amendments to the bilateral textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Bangladesh.

One amendment establishes specific limits for three additional products for the period August 1, 1989 through January 31, 1993. These restraints were agreed pursuant to consultations requested by the United States under Article 3.3 of the Arrangement.

The second amendment extends existing restraints on four products and modifies one sub-limit for an additional three years (from February 1, 1990 through January 31, 1993). This extension brings all restraints in the U.S.-Bangladesh agreement to the same agreement years and the same termination dates.

Enclosed are copies of the notes giving effect to these amendments. The data necessary for preparation of appropriate fact sheets has been provided separately.

Sincerely,


Robert E. Shepherd
Minister Counsellor

Enclosure



Textiles Division

Public Release

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

July 31, 1990

UNITED STATES AND BANGLADESH EXTEND AND AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Bangladesh extended and amended their bilateral textile agreement. Texts of the notes follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE

The Department of State refers the Embassy of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the bilateral textile agreement (the Agreement) effected by exchange of notes dated August 18 and October 9, 1987, and thereafter amended, and the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, done in Geneva on December 20, 1973. The Department also refers to consultations on the Agreement held in Dhaka in September 1989 and in Washington in November 1989.

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The Department of State proposes that the Agreement be extended through January 31, 1993 and amended to include the specific limits contained in Annex A. This would be in addition to the limits already agreed and continuing in force on other categories. Flexibility provisions would remain unchanged. The Department further proposes that the yarn-dyed sublimit for Category 340/640 be expanded from its present level of 32.5 percent to a level of 37 percent of the overall category.

If the foregoing proposals are 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, 26 JAN 1990



ANNEX A

<u>Category</u>	<u>2/1/90- 1/31/91</u>	<u>2/1/91- 1/31/92</u>	<u>2/1/92- 1/31/93</u>
338/339 Cotton knit shirts and blouses	741,576 dz.	786,070 dz.	833,235 dz.
342/642 Skirts	240,271 dz.	254,687 dz.	269,968 dz.
638/639 MMF Knit shirts and blouses	940,453 dz.	996,880 dz.	1,056,693 dz.
645/646 MMF Sweaters	220,855 dz.	234,106 dz.	248,153 dz.

BANGLADESH NOTE

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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE
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NOTE VERBALE

The Ministry of Commerce, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh presents its compliments to the esteemed Embassy of the United States of America in Dhaka and has the honour to refer to the bilateral textile agreement (the Agreement) effected by exchange of Notes dated August 18 and October 9, 1987, and thereafter amended, and the arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles, done in Geneva on December 20, 1973. The Ministry of Commerce also refers to consultations on the Agreement held in Dhaka in September 1989 and in Washington in November-December 1989 and also to U.S. Department of State Note Verbale dated January 26, 1990.

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh wishes to confirm that the U.S. Note Verbale of January 26, 1990 correctly reflects the understanding reached between the two Governments during consultations held in Washington D.C. in November-December 1989.

BANGLADESH NOTE

The Ministry of Commerce, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the esteemed Embassy of the United States of America in Dhaka the assurances of its highest consideration.

Dated, Dhaka May 13, 1990

Embassy of the
United States of America in Dhaka,
Bangladesh.

