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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 the Philippines

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States amending its agreement with the Philippines for the period 1 January 1990 to 31 December 1991.¹

¹The bilateral agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1304.

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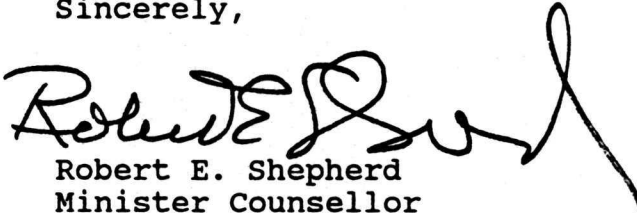
July 27, 1992

The Honorable
Amb. Marcelo Rafaelli
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
Rue de Lausanne 154
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Dear Amb. Rafaelli,

Further to our discussions during the July 24 meeting of the TSB, I herewith enclose copies of the notes exchanged between the governments of the United States and of the Philippines in December 1990 and February 1991 to amend the bilateral textile agreement as then in force between the two countries.

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 17, 1991

UNITED STATES AND THE PHILIPPINES
AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT
BY EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON DECEMBER 28, 1990
AND FEBRUARY 26, 1991

The United States and the Republic of the Philippines amended their bilateral textile agreement by exchange of notes. Text of the notes follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE

No. 972

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and has the honor to refer to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, done at Geneva on December 20, 1973, as extended (the Arrangement), and to the Agreement on Trade in Cotton, Wool, Man-made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products and Silk-blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Apparel between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the United States of America dated March 4, 1987 (the Agreement).

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UNITED STATES NOTE

The Embassy also refers to consultations between representatives of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the United States of America in Washington October 11-16, 1990 and November 15-16, 1990 regarding the discussion of adjustments to the Agreement.

The Embassy has the honor, in accordance with the above mentioned consultations, to propose the following amendments to the Agreement.

(1). The following adjustments will be made to existing specific limits for the categories noted below:

CATEGORY	RESTRAINT PERIOD	SPECIFIC LIMIT
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645/646	1/1/90 - 12/31/90	488,813 Dozen
	1/1/91 - 12/31/91	513,253 Dozen
659-H	1/1/90 - 12/31/90	777,938 Kgs.
	1/1/91 - 12/31/91	824,614 Kgs.

UNITED STATES NOTE

(II). The following specific limits will be established for the categories and restraint periods noted below:

CATEGORY	RESTRAINT PERIOD	SPECIFIC LIMIT
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359-S/659-S	1/1/90 - 12/31/90	811,250 Kgs.
	1/1/91 - 12/31/91	859,925 Kgs.
361	7/1/90 - 12/31/91	1,800,000 Nos.
363	7/1/90 - 12/31/90	5,000,000 Nos.
	1/1/91 - 12/31/91	10,600,000 Nos.
847	6/1/90 - 12/31/90	328,213 Dozen
	1/1/91 - 12/31/91	593,390 Dozen

(III). In addition to normal carryforward, category 347/348 will be granted special carryforward of 200,000 dozen and category 647/648 will be granted special carryforward of 71,865 dozen for the 1990 agreement year. To the extent this special carryforward is used in 1990, the specific limits for the corresponding categories in the 1991 agreement year will be reduced at the ratio of 1.5 dozen for every one dozen of special carryforward used.

UNITED STATES NOTE

(IV). For categories 361 and 363, Philippine exports to the United States from January 1, 1990 through June 30, 1990 will remain charged to the Group II level. For category 847, Philippine exports to the United States from January 1, 1990 through May 31, 1990 will remain charged to the Group II level. For category 359-S/659-S, all Philippine exports to the United States from January 1, 1990 through December 31, 1990 will be removed from the Group II level.

(V). The newly established specific limits for categories 361, 363, 359-S/659-S, and 847 will be included in Group I effective with the beginning dates of their respective restraint periods as noted above. All exports from the Philippines to the United States in these categories, as of the beginning of the respective restraint periods, will be applied to the specific limits and to the group I limit, as described below.

(VI). During the 1990 agreement years, all categories with established specific limits in existence prior to the signature of this Memorandum of Understanding as well as the newly established specific limits for categories 361, 363, 359-S/659-S, and 847 will be subject to a Group I limit of 327,062,731 square meters. The conversion factor for category 359-S/659-S will be 11.8 square meters equivalent per kilogram.

UNITED STATES NOTE

(VII). Growth for this Group I limit in the 1991 agreement year will be six (6) percent. The Group I limit will be entitled to standard carryover and carryforward of eleven (11) percent, of which carryforward shall not be more than six (6) percent.

(VIII). Paragraph 6. (A) (I) of the Agreement is amended to read as follows:

"During any agreement period the limits for Group I and Group II may be exceeded by not more than seven (7) percent swing, provided a corresponding reduction is made to the other Group limit."

(IX). Paragraph 6. (A) (III) of the Agreement will be amended to read as follows:

"During any agreement period, any specific limit may be increased by not more than seven (7) percent swing within the Group I limit. All newly established specific limits will be placed in Group I subject to the Group I limit with corresponding adjustments to both Group limits."

UNITED STATES NOTE

(X). The Government of the Philippines agrees to undertake appropriate administrative and quota monitoring measures in order to ensure that future textile and apparel overshipments to the United States are prevented.

If the foregoing conforms with the understanding of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, this note and your Government's note of acceptance shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

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

Embassy of the United States of America



Manila, December 28, 1990

PHILIPPINES NOTE

No. 910923

The Department of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America, and has the honor to refer to its Note No. 972 dated 29 December 1990 concerning the adjustments to the Arrangements regarding International Trade in Textile, dated 20 December 1973, as extended, and the Agreement on Trade in Cotton, Wool, Man-made Fiber Textiles and Textile products and Silk-blend and other Vegetable Fiber Apparel between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the United States of America, dated 04 March 1987.

The Department is pleased to inform the Embassy that the Philippine Government accepts the adjustments and amendments to the Agreement as stated in the note.

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

Manila, 26 February 1991

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