

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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7 July 1992

TARIFFS AND TRADE

Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Bilateral agreement between
the United States and Colombia

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States of a selective agreement concluded with Colombia for the period 1 January 1992 to 31 December 1993.¹

¹ The previous agreement contained in COM.TEX/SB/1428 expired on 31 March 1990.

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June 26, 1992

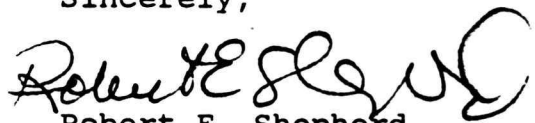
The Honorable
Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
Rue de Lausanne 154
1211 Geneva

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 a new bilateral textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Columbia. The new agreement contains two specific limits: category 314 (cotton poplin) and category 315 (cotton printcloth). The U.S. had initiated Article 3-type consultations with respect to exports of these products from Columbia, which was not then an MFA member, in October 1991.

Copies of the notes effecting this agreement are enclosed. Additional data to facilitate preparation of a fact sheet has been provided separately.

Sincerely,


Robert E. Shepherd
Minister Counsellor

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Textiles Division

Public Release

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

April 13, 1992

UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA ESTABLISH NEW BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and the Republic of Colombia signed a new bilateral textile agreement on April 3, 1992. The complete text of the Agreement is attached.

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BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT**BETWEEN****THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA**

Representatives of the Governments of the Republic of Colombia and the United States of America met in Bogota, Colombia on January 30-31, 1992, and in Washington, D. C. on April 2-3, 1992, and held discussions relating to trade in cotton poplin and broadcloth and printcloth fabrics produced or manufactured in Colombia. As a result of these discussions, the following Agreement relating to trade in textiles, as defined in Annexes A and B, between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Colombia was reached.

1. The term of this Agreement shall be from January 1, 1992 to December 31, 1993. The first Agreement year shall be from January 1, 1992 to December 31, 1992. The second Agreement year shall be from January 1, 1993 to December 31, 1993.

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2. The 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, the product shall be classified as a cotton textile if the cotton component exceeds 50 percent by weight of all component fibers thereof, unless wool equals or exceeds 36 percent by weight of all fibers, in which case the product will be a wool textile.

3. During the term of the Agreement, the Government of Colombia shall limit in each Agreement year exports from Colombia to the United States of the textile products listed in Annex A, to the specific limits set forth in Annex B hereto, as such limits may be adjusted in accordance with Paragraph 4. The limits set out in Annex B are without such adjustments. Exports are subject to a limit for the period in which they are exported.

4. (A) During any Agreement Year, the specific limits set out in Annex B may be increased by not more than 7 percent (swing) provided that a corresponding reduction in square meters equivalent is made in one or more other specific limits during the same Agreement Year.



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(B) In any Agreement Year, exports may exceed by a maximum of 11 percent any specific limit set out in Annex B, by allocating to such limit for that Agreement Year any unused portion of the corresponding limit for the previous Agreement Year (carryover) or a portion of the corresponding limit for the succeeding Agreement Year (carryforward) subject to the following conditions:

(1) Carryover may be utilized as available subject to Subparagraph 4 (B) up to 11 percent of the receiving Agreement Year's specific limit. No carryover shall be available during the first Agreement Year.

(2) Carryforward may be utilized up to 6 percent of the receiving Agreement Year's specific limit. Carryforward used shall be charged against the immediately following Agreement Year's specific limit. No carryforward shall be available during the last Agreement Year.

(C) For the purposes of the Agreement, a shortfall occurs when exporters of the textile product from Colombia to the United States during an Agreement Year are below the applicable specific limit as set out in Annex B. In the Agreement Year following the shortfall, such exports from Colombia to the United States may be permitted to exceed the limit applicable to that year, subject to the conditions of Subparagraph 4 (A), by carryover of an amount not to exceed the actual shortfall in the previous period.

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(D) The Government of Colombia shall notify the Government of the United States of the application of adjustments as available under this paragraph. Any unused carryforward will be reccredited to the following Agreement Year's limit.

5. (A) The Government of the United States may assist the Government of Colombia in implementing the limitation provisions of the Agreement by controlling its imports of the textile product covered by the Agreement.

(B) Exports from Colombia in excess of the authorized limit in any Agreement Year may be denied entry into the United States. Any such shipments denied entry may be permitted entry into the United States and charged to the applicable limit in the succeeding Agreement Year. The Government of the United States shall promptly inform the Government of Colombia of any such charges.

(C) Exports from Colombia in excess of the authorized limit in any Agreement Year, if allowed entry into the United States during that Agreement Year, will be charged to the applicable limit in the succeeding Agreement Year.





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6. The Government of Colombia shall use its best efforts to space exports from Colombia to the United States of the textile products covered by the Agreement evenly throughout each Agreement Year, taking into account normal seasonal factors.

7. The Government of the United States shall promptly supply the Government of Colombia monthly data on imports of the product subject to this Agreement; and the Government of Colombia shall supply the Government of the United States with quarterly data on exports of such product from Colombia to the United States. Each Government agrees to supply promptly any other pertinent, rapidly available statistical data requested by the other Government.

8. Mutually satisfactory administrative arrangements or adjustments may be made to resolve minor problems arising in the implementation of this Agreement, including differences in points of procedure or operation.

9. The Government of the United States and the Government of Colombia agree to consult on any question arising in the implementation of the Agreement.





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10. The Government of the United States and the Government of Colombia may at any time propose revisions in the terms of this Agreement. Each Government agrees to consult promptly with the other about such proposals with a view to making such revisions to this Agreement or taking such other appropriate action as may mutually agreed upon.

11. The Government of Colombia and the Government of the United States shall cooperate to avoid circumvention of this Agreement.

12. Either Government may terminate this Agreement effective at
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the end of any Agreement Year by written notice to the other Government to be given at least 90 days prior to the end of such Agreement Year.

13. For as long as Colombia remains a member of the Multi-Fiber Arrangement and for the duration of this Agreement, the Government of the United States shall not invoke the procedures of Article 3 of the Arrangement to request restraints on the exports of the cotton products of Colombia covered by this Agreement to the United States. The Government of the United States and the Government of Colombia reserve their rights under the Arrangement with respect to textiles and textile products not covered by this Agreement.




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14. Both Governments agree that in the event that a multilaterally agreed regime for the textile and apparel sector, to which both countries are signatories, such as a transitional arrangement for the integration of the textile and apparel sector into the GATT, or an extension of the Multi-Fiber Arrangement, enters into force before the expiration of the bilateral Agreement, then the bilateral Agreement shall be brought into conformity with said successor regime.

This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature by both parties.

Done at Washington, D.C., in duplicate, this third day of April, 1992.

For the Government of
the United States of America

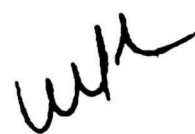


For the Government of
the Republic of Colombia



Annex A

<u>314</u>	<u>315</u>	<u>Conversion</u>	<u>Unit of</u>
314	Cotton poplin and broadcloth	1.0	M2
315	Cotton printcloth	1.0	M2



Annex B

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Measure</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Annual</u> <u>Unit of Growth</u> <u>Square Meters</u>	
				<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>
314	Cotton poplin and broadcloth	M2	6%	9,000,000	9,540,000
315	Cotton printcloth	M2	6%	15,500,000	16,430,000

