

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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8 September 1982

Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 8:4

Amendment to the Textile Visa System between the United States and Sri Lanka

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States of an amendment to the textile visa system between the United States and Sri Lanka.¹

¹ The text of the agreed system is contained in COM.TEX/SB/499

* English only/Anglais seulement

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UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
 1-3 AVENUE DE LA PAIX
 1202 GENEVA, SWITZERLAND
 Telephone: 32 09 70

September 1, 1982

The Honorable
 Marcelo Raffaelli
 Ambassador
 Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
 GATT
 154, rue de Lausanne
 CH-1211 Geneva

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 4 of Article 8 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I am instructed by my government to inform the Textiles Surveillance Body of an amendment to the visa system covering the exports to the United States of cotton, wool and man-made fiber apparel products from Sri Lanka.

Attached hereto are copies of the letters giving effect to this amendment.

Sincerely,

For	Action	Comment	Init.
Cabinet of DG			
Off. Legal Aff.			
Ext. Rel/Info. Div.			
CHAIRMAN TSB	X		
OPER. DEPT. A.			X
Development Div.			
Tech. Coop. Div.			
Inter-Agency Aff.			
Special Projects			
OPER. DEPT. B.			X
Econ. R/Anal. Unit			
Agriculture Div.			
Tariff Div.			
Tech. Bar. T. Div.			
DEPT. CONF. AFF./ADM			
Conference Div.			
Adm/Fin. Div.			
Liaison/Doc. Div.			
Training Div.			

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Attachments:

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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No. 256

UNITED STATES AND SRI LANKA AMEND TEXTILE VISA SYSTEM

The United States and Sri Lanka exchanged letters dated July 14, 1982 and July 20, 1982 to amend the visa system covering exports to the United States of cotton, wool and man-made fiber apparel products manufactured in Sri Lanka. The texts of the letters follow:

SRI LANKA LETTER

July 14, 1982

Mr. John S. Bledgett,
Acting Counsellor of Embassy,
American Embassy,
44. Galle Road,
Columbo 3.

Dear Mr. Bledgett,

I am writing with reference to the agreement between Sri Lanka and the United States relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes July 7, 1980, as amended ("The Agreement") and to the visa

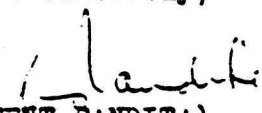
EB/TEX - Deborah Linde (202)632-2690

system covering exports to the United States of cotton, wool and man-made fiber apparel products manufactured in Sri Lanka ("The Visa System"), established by exchange of letters March 12, 1979 and March 23, 1979.

The visa system recognises the use by my government of a visa stamp carrying the words "Ministry of Textile Industries" in the bottom half of the circle of the stamp corresponding to the words "Government of Sri Lanka" on top. As the Greater Colombo Economic Commission is also authorised to issue expert visas, I would like to propose on behalf of my Government that the visa system be amended to also recognize the use by my government of a visa stamp carrying the words "Greater Colombo Economic Commission" in the bottom half of the circle of the stamp corresponding to the words "Government of Sri Lanka" on top.

Enclosed are original unsigned copies of the "Ministry of Textile Industries" and "Greater Colombo Economic Commission" visa stamps, as well as a list of the names and facsimile signatures of the officials who will be authorized to issue these respective expert visas. If your government agrees to this proposed amendment please notify us of the date on which we should begin issuing the "Greater Colombo Economic Commission" visa stamps.

Yours sincerely,


(VINCENT PANDITA)
Secretary.

c.c. Mr.E.P. Paul Perera,
Director General,
GCCEC.

The Names, designations and signatures of officials of the Ministry of Textile Industries authorised to issue and sign expert visas are given below. The stamp which will be placed on the "Special Customs Invoice" Form No. 5515, successor document or commercial invoice is also given.

- 1) Mrs. P.G.P. Abeyratne,
Assistant Secretary (Expert) I
Ministry of Textile Industries,
Torrington Square,
Colombo 7.

Abeyratne
.....
Signature

- 2) Mr. D.P. Balachandra,
Assistant Secretary (Expert) II
Ministry of Textile Industries,
Torrington Square,
Colombo 7.

D.P. Balachandra
.....
Signature



**ISSUE OF US SPECIAL CUSTOMS
INVOICE VISAS - GCCEC EXPORTS**

Names and designations of officials of the Greater Colombo Economic Commission authorised to sign U. Customs Invoice Form No. 5515 in respect of GCCEC exports and their specimen signatures together with the specimen of stamp to be used in certifying the visas.

(a) Name: G.D. Umagiliya

Designation: Senior Manager -
Investor Services
& Monitoring

G.D. Umagiliya

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Specimen Signature



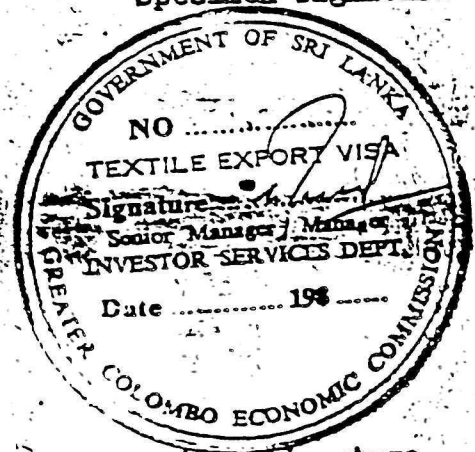
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(b) Name: F.L.C. Obeyesekere

Designation: Addl. Senior Manager -
Investor Services
& Monitoring

F.L.C. Obeyesekere

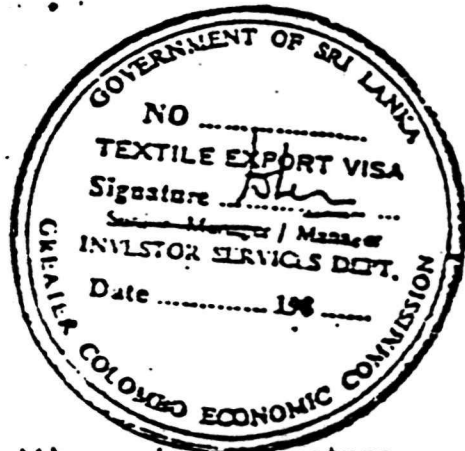
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(c) Name: W.M.C.A.F. Perera
Designation: Manager -
Imports & Exports

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Specimen Signature



Stamp with specimen signature.

UNITED STATES LETTER

July 20, 1982

Colombo, Sri Lanka

Mr. Vincent Pandita
Secretary
Ministry of Textiles
Torrington Square
Colombo 7

Dear Mr. Pandita:

I am writing with reference to the agreement between Sri Lanka and the United States relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes July 7, 1980, as amended ("The Agreement"), to the visa system covering exports to the United States of cotton, wool and man-made fiber apparel products manufactured in Sri Lanka ("The Visa System"), established by exchange of letters March 12, 1979 and March 23, 1979, and to your letter of July 14, 1982.

The proposal contained in your letter of July 14, 1982 is acceptable to my government. You should begin issuing the "Greater Colombo Economic Commission" visa stamps in approximately eight weeks (I will advise you of the exact date in the near future).

Sincerely,



John S. Blodgett
First Secretary