

• **GENERAL AGREEMENT ON  
TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment to the Bilateral Agreement  
between the United States and Sri Lanka

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States of a further amendment to its Article 4 bilateral agreement with Sri Lanka concerning the establishment of new limits for Categories 347 and 445/446.<sup>1/</sup>

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<sup>1/</sup> The original agreement and previous modifications are to be found in COM.TEX/SB/608, 707, 727 and in TEX.SB/753.

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## UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

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ANSWERED BY TELEPHONE 340870  
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September 27, 1982

The Honorable  
Ambassador Marcel Raffaelli  
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body  
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For	Action	Comment	Int.
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Inter-Agency Aff.			
Special Projects			
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Agriculture Div.			
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Conference Div.			
Adm./Fin. Div.			
Liaison/Doc. Div.			
Training Div.			

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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 the establishment of specific limits for categories 347 (men's and boys' cotton trousers) and 445/446 (wool sweaters) and, thereby, the further amendment of the cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Sri Lanka.

These limits were established pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 7 of the bilateral agreement, following a request for consultations by the United States in August 1981. When initial rounds of consultations did not result in mutual agreement, the United States invoked the provisions of paragraph 7(d) to establish, pending the result of further consultations, a one-year level (November 23, 1981-November 22, 1982) of 306,979 and 63,281 dozen for categories 347 and 445/446, respectively.

In August of this year, representatives of the two governments agreed on increased levels for the 17-month period from November 23, 1981 to April 30, 1983 (i.e. to the end of the current bilateral agreement). These levels are 475,000 dozen for category 347 and 135,000 dozen for category 445/446.

Carryover and carryforward are not applicable, per se, because there are no prior or subsequent restraints; there is, however, the equivalent of substantial carryover and carryforward between the five-month period of the 1981-82 agreement year (i.e., December through April) and the 12-month 1982-83 agreement year. Swing is considered to be included in the levels established.

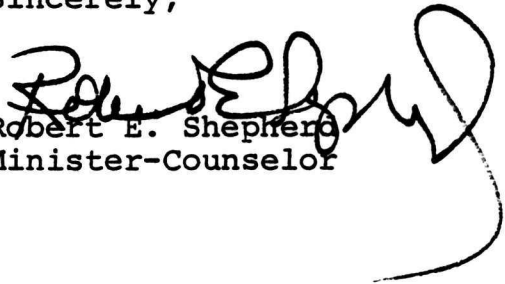
For purposes of comparison, the levels for the "rollback" period, the minimum levels called for under para 7(d), the "annualized levels" agreed upon for the period from November 1981 to April 1983, and the actual 17-month levels are set forth in tabular form below:

	<u>"Rollback Period"</u>	<u>Para 7(d) Minimum</u>	Agreed <sup>/1</sup> <u>Annualized Levels</u>	<u>17-month Levels</u>
Cat. 347 (dozens)	255,815	306,979	335,000	475,000
Cat. 445/446 (dozens)	61,438	63,281	95,000	135,000

<sup>/1</sup>These are "flat" levels calculated by dividing the 17-month level by 12/17; i.e., no growth is calculated between the first 5-month period and the following 12-month period.

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

Sincerely,

  
Robert E. Shepherd  
Minister-Counselor

Enclosures: as stated



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

August 20, 1982

His Excellency  
Ernest Corea  
Ambassador of the Democratic Socialist  
Republic of Sri Lanka

Excellency:

I am writing with reference to paragraph 7 of the Agreement between the United States and Sri Lanka 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 discussions held between representatives of our two Governments concerning exports from Sri Lanka to the United States of products classified in textile categories 347 (men's and boys' cotton trousers), 445 and 446 (wool sweaters).

On behalf of my Government, I would like to propose that Annex B of the Agreement be amended to establish specific limits for categories 347 and 445/6 as follows:

Category	Period	Specific Limit
347	November 23, 1981 - April 30, 1983	475,000 dozen
445/6	November 23, 1981 - April 30, 1983	135,000 dozen

The provisions of paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Agreement shall not apply to categories 347 and 445/6.

If this proposal is acceptable to your Government, this letter and your letter of confirmation on behalf of your Government shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Sincerely,

  
Denis Lamb

Deputy Assistant Secretary for  
Trade and Commercial Affairs  
Bureau of Economic and  
Business Affairs

*From the Ambassador of Sri Lanka*



My Ref: COM/TR/A

August 20, 1982

Mr. Denis Lamb  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for Trade and Commercial Affairs  
Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Lamb,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of the proposal contained in your letter dated 20th August 1982 which reads as follows:

" I am writing with reference to paragraph 7 of the Agreement between the United States and Sri Lanka relating to Trade in Cotton, Wool, and Man-Made Fibre Textile and Textile Products, with annexes effected by exchange of Notes July 7 1980, as amended ("the Agreement") and to discussions held between representatives of our two Governments concerning exports from Sri Lanka to the United States of products classified in textile categories 347 (men's and boys' cotton trousers), 445 and 446 (wool sweaters).

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*From the Ambassador of Sri Lanka*



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On behalf of my Government I confirm that the proposal set out in your letter is acceptable to the Government of Sri Lanka, and that your letter and this letter of confirmation shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ernest Corea'.

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Ernest Corea  
Ambassador.