

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

CONFIDENTIAL

TEX.SB/777*

1 November 1982

Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment to the Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Singapore

Note by the Chairman

Attached are three notifications received from the United States of further amendments to its Article 4 bilateral agreement with Singapore, concerning, firstly, the introduction of four new product categories covering down and feather-filled apparel; secondly, the establishment of a specific limit for Category 320; and thirdly, an increase in the consultation level for Category 319.^{1/}

^{1/} The original agreement concluded under the 1981 Protocol of Extension, and a previous amendment, are to be found in COM.TEX/SB/764, 784, 765 and see also COM.TEX/SB/774.

*English only/Anglais seulement.



UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

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Letter No. 1

October 25, 1982

The Honorable
Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
154, rue de Lausanne
CH-1211 Geneva 21

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 addition of down and feather-filled apparel categories to Annex A of the cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Republic of Singapore.

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

Sincerely,


Robert E. Shepherd
Minister-Counselor

Attachments: as stated

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

30 Hill Street
Singapore 0617

May 17, 1982

Mr. Lim Kim Kuay
Director
Department of Trade
2nd Flr, World Trade Center
Singapore 0409

Dear Mr. Lim:

I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to my letter of February 8, 1982. In that letter my government proposed that Annex A of the agreement between the United States and Singapore relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes on August 21, 1981, as amended ("The Agreement"), be amended to include the following cotton and man-made fiber apparel categories:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Conversion Factor</u>	<u>Unit of Measure</u>
353	Down and feather-filled coats, jackets and vests, W, G and I	41.3	Dz.
354	Down and feather-filled coats, jackets and vests, M and B	41.3	Dz.
653	Down and feather-filled coats, jackets and vests, W, G and I	41.3	Dz.
654	Down and feather-filled coats, jackets and vests, M and B	41.3	Dz.

We would appreciate your government's reconsideration of this proposal.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original letter signed by William E. Spruce, Sincerely, Economic/Political Counselor of the Embassy of the United States of America in the Republic of Singapore.

Frank Vincent Nash
Frank Vincent Nash
Second Secretary
Embassy of the United States of America
Singapore

(Date)

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YOUR REF:

OUR REF. TD 625:3/19 Vol 13

DATE: 20 May 82

Mr William E Spruce
Economic/Political Counsellor
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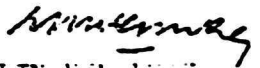
Dear Mr Spruce

Thank you for your letter dated 17 May 1982 proposing that the existing agreement between Singapore and the United States relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fibre textiles and textile products be expanded to include the four categories of down-filled apparel (Categories 353, 354, 653 and 654) and that these categories be subjected to a minimum consultation level of 700,000 SYE (or 16,949.15 dozens) for each category.

2 On behalf of my Government, I confirm that the proposal contained in your letter is acceptable to Singapore.

3 Your letter and this letter of confirmation shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Yours sincerely


LIN HUI WAY
for DIRECTOR-GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF TRADE



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Letter No. 2

October 25, 1982

The Honorable
Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
154, rue de Lausanne
CH-1211 Geneva 21

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 a specific limit for category 320 (cotton print cloth) 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 the Republic of Singapore.

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

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister-Counselor

Attachments: as stated

PRESS

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

October 19, 1982
No. 318

UNITED STATES AND
SINGAPORE AMEND
BILATERAL TEXTILE
AGREEMENT

The United States and Singapore exchanged letters dated May 17, 1982 and June 14, 1982 to amend the existing bilateral textile agreement. The texts of the letters follow:

UNITED STATES LETTER

May 17, 1982
Singapore

Mr. Lim Kim Kuay
Director
Department of Trade
2nd Flr, World Trade Center
Singapore 0409

Dear Mr. Lim:

I am writing with reference to the agreement between the United States and Singapore relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes August 21, 1981, as amended ("The Agreement"), and to discussions concerning exports from Singapore to the United States of products classified in textile category 320.

EB/TEX - Deborah L. Linde
(202) 632-0280

For further information contact:

On behalf of my government, I would like to propose that Annex B of the agreement be amended to establish the following specific limits for category 320:

Agreement Year	Level
1982	8,000,000 Square Yards
1983	8,400,000 Square Yards
1984	8,820,000 Square Yards
1985	9,261,000 Square Yards

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,

William E. Spruce
Economic/Political Counselor

SINGAPORE LETTER

YOUR REF:

OUR REF: TD 625: 3/19 Vol 13

DATE: 14 Jun 82

Mr William E Spruce
Economic/Political Counsellor
Embassy of the United States
of America
30 Hill Street
Singapore 0617

Dear Mr Spruce

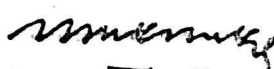
I refer to your letter dated 12 Jun 82 concerning the agreement between the United States and Singapore relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fibre textiles and textile products, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes dated 21 Aug 81, as amended ("The Agreement"), concerning exports from Singapore to the United States of products classified in textile Category 320.

2 On behalf of my Government, I confirm that your proposal with regard to Category 320 as specified in Annex B of the Agreement be amended to establish the following specific limits for Category 320 :

<u>Agreement Year</u>	<u>Level</u>
1982	8,000,000 Square Yards
1983	8,400,000 Square Yards
1984	8,820,000 Square Yards
1985	9,261,000 Square Yards.

3 Your letter and this letter of confirmation shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Yours sincerely


LIM KIM KUAY
for DIRECTOR-GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF TRADE



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Letter No. 3

October 25, 1982

The Honorable
Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
154, rue de Lausanne
CH-1211 Geneva 21

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 an increase in the consultation level for category 319 (cotton duck) 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 the Republic of Singapore.

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

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister-Counselor

Attachments: as stated

PRESS

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

October 19, 1982
No. 319

UNITED STATES AND SINGAPORE AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Singapore exchanged letters dated July 26, 1982 and August 3, 1982 to amend the existing bilateral textile agreement. The texts of the letters follow:

SINGAPORE LETTER

26 July 1982

Mr Denis Lamb
Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Trade and Commercial Affairs
Bureau of Economic and Business
Affairs
Department of State
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Mr Lamb

In accordance with paragraph 5 of the Singapore-US Bilateral Textile Agreement signed on 21 August 1981, Singapore wishes to request an increase in the minimum consultation level for Category 319.

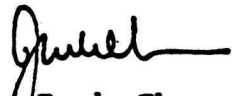
EB/TEX-Deborah L. Linde
(202) 632-2690

For further information contact:

The Singapore Government would appreciate it if the consultation level for Category 319 could be increased from the current level of 3,000,000 SYE to 3,900,000 SYE. The increase in level is urgently needed to enable Singapore manufacturers to fulfil outstanding contracts.

I would appreciate an early and favourable response from you in respect of this request.

Yours sincerely



Jack Choo
First Secretary

UNITED STATES LETTER

August 3, 1982

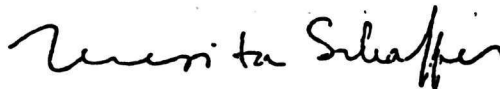
Mr. Jack Choo
First Secretary
Embassy of Singapore
1834 R Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Mr. Choo:

I am writing with reference to paragraph 5 of the Agreement between the United States and Singapore relating to Trade in Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes August 21, 1981, as amended ("the Agreement") and to your letter of July 26, 1982 in which you request on behalf of the Government of Singapore that the consultation level for category 319 be increased to 3,900,000 syd for the 1982 Agreement Year.

I am pleased to inform you that my Government agrees to this request and that your letter and this reply thereto constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Sincerely



Teresita Schaffer
Acting, Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Trade and Commercial Affairs
Bureau of Economic and
Business Affairs