ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment to the bilateral agreement between
the United States and Hong Kong

Note by the Chairman

The attached notification received from the United States mission concerns a further amendment to the existing bilateral agreement, as amended, between the United States and Hong Kong.

1For original agreement and amendment see COM.TEX/SB/321 and TEX.SB/355 which is still pending review by the TSB.

ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Notification conformément à l'article 4:4

Modification de l'accord bilatéral entre
les États-Unis et Hong-kong

Note du Président

La Mission des États-Unis a fait parvenir au secrétariat la notification ci-jointe relative à une nouvelle modification qui a été apportée à l'accord bilatéral, déjà modifié, entre les États-Unis et Hong-kong.

1Pour le texte initial de l'accord et la première modification qui lui avait été apportée, voir les documents COM.TEX/SB/321 et TEX.SB/355; ce dernier reste à examiner par l'OST.
February 5, 1979

The Honorable
Ambassador Paul Wurth
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
G.A.T.T.
154, rue de Lausanne
CH-1211 Geneva 21

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to paragraph 4 of Article 4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I am instructed by my government to inform the TSB of the amendment of the bilateral cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Hong Kong. The original agreement was notified and subsequently circulated as COM.TEX/SB/321 of 10 May 1978.

The purpose of the present amendment was: (a) agreement between the parties to split merged category 338/339 (cotton shirts and blouses, knit) into two new categories by setting up a separate category for cotton tank tops (as Category 338/339 - tank tops), said tank tops having previously been the cause of many classification difficulties for both Hong Kong and the U.S.; and, (b) to set up specific limits for categories 443 and 640, both of which were subject to consultation level procedures.

Attached hereto is a copy of State Department Press Release No. 454 setting forth full texts of the Note exchange giving effect to the amendment.

Sincerely,

Harry M. Phelan, Jr.
Minister Counselor

Enclosure:
As stated
UNITED STATES AND HONG KONG
AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE
AGREEMENT

The United States and Hong Kong exchanged letters
dated November 13, 1978 and November 24, 1978
to amend the existing bilateral textile agreement. The
texts of the letters follow:

UNITED STATES LETTER

November 13, 1978

The Honorable
D. H. Jordan, C.M.G., M.B.E., J.P.
Director of Trade, Industry and Customs
Trade Industry and Customs Department
Ocean Centre, Room 1501, 15/F
Canton Road
Kowloon

Dear Mr. Jordan:

I have the honor to refer to the Agreement between the
Government of the United States of America and the
Government of Hong Kong relating to trade in cotton, wool,
and man-made fiber textiles, with annexes, of August 8,
1977, (hereinafter called the Agreement). That the
Agreement be amended as follows:

1. Paragraph 6 of the Agreement is amended by the
deletion, from the first proviso, of the phrase "cotton
shirts and blouses, knit (merged cat. 338/339)" and the
insertion in its place of the following: "cotton tank tops
(merged cat. 338/339 - tank tops), cotton shirts and blouses
other than tank tops, knit (merged cat. 338/339 - other)."

2. Paragraph 11 of the Agreement is amended by inserting
the following subparagraph and redesignating subparagraph
11(C) as 11(D). "(C) merged category 338/339 is divided
into two categories, respectively "cotton tank tops (338/339-
tank tops)" and "cotton shirts and blouses other than tank
tops, knit (338/339 - other)."
3. Annex A to the Agreement is amended by (A) deleting the designation "knit shirts and blouses (338/339)" and substituting in its place the designation "cotton shirts and blouses other than tank tops, knit (338/339 - other)" and, (B) inserting above the designation, units and specified limits for "cotton shirts and blouses other than tank tops, knit (338/339 - other)" the following new designation, unit and specified limits:

Tank Tops (338/339 - Tank Tops) Doz.

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4. Annex A to the Agreement is further amended by inserting at the appropriate places the following designations, units and specified limits for categories 443 and 640:

"Suits, M and B (443) Nos.

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Shirts, Not Knit (640) Doz.

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5. Accept, Sir, the renewal of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,
/S/ Thomas P. Shoesmith
Consul General
Mr. Thomas P. Shoesmith  
Consul-General  
Consultate General of the  
United States of America,  
26 Garden Road  
Hong Kong  

Dear Mr. Shoesmith,

I refer to your letter to Mr. D. H. Jordan of 13 November 1978 proposing certain amendments to the Textile Agreement of 8 August 1977 between the Government of Hong Kong and the Government of the United States. I confirm that the proposed amendments are acceptable to the Hong Kong Government.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,
/S/ W. Dorward  
Acting Director of Trade  
Industry and Customs