

GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND
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Textiles Surveillance Body

Organe de surveillance des textiles

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Note by the Chairman

The attached notification received from the United States Mission concerns certain amendments to the bilateral agreement on trade in cotton, wool and man-made fibre textiles of 25 July 1974 (see COM.TEX/SB/48) between the United States and Hong Kong.

ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Notification au titre de l'article 4

Note du Président

La Mission permanente des Etats-Unis a fait parvenir au secrétariat la notification ci-jointe concernant certaines modifications apportées à l'accord bilatéral sur le commerce des textiles de coton, de laine et de fibres synthétiques et artificielles conclu le 25 juillet 1974 (voir COM.TEX/SB/48) entre les Etats-Unis et Hong Kong.



UNITED STATES MISSION TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

March 28, 1977

The Honorable
Ambassador Paul Wurth
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance
Body
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 4 of Article 4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I am instructed to inform the Textiles Surveillance Body of two agreements amending the bilateral textile agreement between the United States of America and Hong Kong (see COM.TEX/SB/48).

I am further instructed to convey my Government's regret that the first amendment (December 15, 1975) of the U. S.-Hong Kong bilateral agreement was not notified to the TSB within the time frame specified in paragraph 4 of Article 4. Failure to notify was due entirely to administrative error which escaped detection until preparations were in progress to notify the amendment of December 22, 1976. Procedures which resulted in this error have been corrected and steps taken to prevent a recurrence.

Attached please find copies of U. S. Department of State Press Releases No. 33 of January 22, 1976 and No. 44 of February 10, 1977. The texts of the Note exchanges giving effect to the amendments are self-explanatory.

Sincerely yours,

Harry M. Phelan, Jr.
Minister-Counselor

Enclosures:

1. Copy, U. S. Department of State Press Release No. 33, 1-22-76 (in duplicate)
2. Copy, U. S. Department of State Press Release No. 44, 2-10-77 (in duplicate)

January 22, 1976

No. 33

UNITED STATES AND HONG KONG
SIGN TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Hong Kong exchanged notes on December 22, 1975, to amend the existing bilateral agreement on trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles between the two countries. The texts of the notes follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE

American Consulate General
Hong Kong, December 15, 1975

"Sir:

I refer to the discussions concluded between our two Governments in Washington, D.C. on November 5, 1975, concerning the bilateral agreement of July 25, 1974, as amended, relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles between Hong Kong and the United States (the "agreement"). In view of these discussions, I wish to propose that the agreement be further amended by the following changes:

1. In Annex B, under Group II (apparel of cotton and man-made fibers), other coats, woven (Category 49); trousers, slacks and shorts, woven (Categories 50/51); men's and boys' (sub-ceiling) (Category 50); and women's, girls; and infants' (sub-ceiling) (Category 51) are amended to read as follows:

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CATEGORY	UNIT	QUANTITY	SQUARE YARDS EQUIVALENT
Other coats, woven (Category 49 and 63 (2))	Doz.	265,000	8,612,500
Trousers, slacks and shorts, woven (Cate- gories 50/51)	Doz.	4,032,023	71,757,917
Men's and boys' (sub- ceiling) (Category 50)	Doz.	1,666,397	(29,656,861)
Women's, girls' and infants' (sub-ceiling) (Category 51)	Doz.	3,373,632	(60,040,533)

2. Category 63 in Annex A to the agreement is amended to read as follows:

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	CONVERSION FACTOR TO SQUARE YARDS
63	Wearing apparel, not knit, N.E.S.	LB.	4.6
-(1)	Entireties, not knit	Doz.	25.5
-(2)	Other coats, not knit, N.E.S.	Doz.	32.5
-(3)	Other wearing apparel, not knit	LB.	4.6

3. Paragraph 10 of the agreement is deleted. The first sentence of paragraph 11 is renumbered as paragraph 10; the remaining portion of paragraph 11 will constitute the entirety of paragraph 11.

If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of Hong Kong, this note and your note of acceptance on behalf of the Government of Hong Kong will constitute an agreement between our two Governments.

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Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration."

/S/ Mr. Charles T. Cross

HONG KONG NOTE

22 December, 1975.

"Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 15 December 1975 containing a proposed amendment to the bilateral agreement of 25 July 1974, as amended, relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fibre textiles between the United States and Hong Kong, and hereby confirm that your proposed amendment is acceptable to the Government of Hong Kong.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration."

/S/ L.W.R. Mills

Acting Director of Commerce & Industry

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February 10, 1977

No. 44

UNITED STATES AND HONG KONG AMEND
BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Hong Kong exchanged notes on November 22 and December 22, 1976, to amend the existing bilateral agreement on trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles between the two countries. The texts of the notes follow:

HONG KONG NOTE

22 December 1976

Sir,

I refer to your letter of 22 November 1976 proposing certain amendments to the bilateral agreement of 25 July 1974, as amended, relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fibre textiles between the the United States and Hong Kong, and confirm that your proposed amendments are acceptable to the Hong Kong Government.

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

/S/ D. H. Jordan
Director of Commerce & Industry

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Consul-General of the
United States of America,
26 Garden Road,
Hong Kong.

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UNITED STATES NOTE

American Consulate General
Hong Kong, November 22, 1976

Sir:

I refer to the bilateral agreement of July 25, 1974, as amended, between our two Governments on trade in cotton, wool, and man-made fiber textiles and to the discussions between our Governments held in Hong Kong April 22 through 24, 1976. In view of these discussions, I propose that the agreement be further amended by the following changes:

1. Annex A shall be amended by the addition of the following category:

Category	Description	Unit	Conversion Factor to Square Yards
224 (5)	Knit tops and vests	Doz	15.69

2. Annex B under Group II shall be amended as follows:

Category	Unit	Level Quantity	Square Yards Equivalent
Delete:			
Knit shirts (except T-shirts) and blouses (Category 219)	Doz	1,435,945	26,363,950
Add:			
Knit shirts, blouses, tops, and vests (Categories 218, 219, and 224 (5))	Doz	3,252,680	46,829,319
Delete			
Knit T-shirts (Category 41/42)	Doz	716,368	5,182,205
Other knit shirts and blouses except sweatshirts (Category 43 and 62 (2))	Doz	1,184,117	8,565,901

Category	Unit	Level Quantity	Square Yards Equivalent
Add:			
Knit T-shirts and other knit shirts and blouses except sweatshirts (Category 41, 42, 43 and 62(2))	Doz	1,900,485	13,748,106
-Sublimit - Knit T-shirts (Category 41/42)	Doz	895,460	6,477,758
-Sublimit - Other knit shirts and blouses except sweatshirts (Category 43 and 62(2))	Doz	1,480,146	10,707,376

Delete:

All other apparel (Categories 39, 40, 44, 53, 55-59, 61, 62 (1), 62 (3), 63 (2), 214, 215, 217, 218, 220, 223, 224 (4), 225-228, 230-236, and 238-240)*	Variable a	Variable a	154,545,284
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Add:

All other apparel (Categories 39, 40, 44, 53, 55-59, 61, 62 (1), 62 (3), 63 (2), 214, 215, 217, 220, 223, 224 (4), 225-228, 230-236, and 238-240)*	Variable a	Vairable a	134,079,915
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3. Exports in the combined category 218, 219, 224(5) established by Paragraph 2 of this amendment shall be charged to the specific limit both in dozens and square yards equivalent. To determine the charges in square yards equivalent, the appropriate conversion rates established in Annex A will be applied for products in each of the three categories which make up the combined category.

4. Notwithstanding the above, exports in combined category 218/219/224(5) may exceed the specific limit in square yards for the second agreement year by 4,433,061 SYE, and for the third agreement year by 1,105,618 SYE to which Paragraphs 5 and 7 of the bilateral agreement shall not apply.

If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of Hong Kong, this note and your note of acceptance on behalf of the Government of Hong Kong will constitute an agreement between our two governments.

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

/S/ Charles T. Cross
U.S. Consul-General
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