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CONFIDENTIAL
TEX.SB/214
21 April 1977

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 a bilateral agreement (see COM.TEX/SB/128) between the United States and Malaysia.

ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Notification conformément à l'article 4

Note du Président

La Mission des Etats-Unis a fait parvenir au secrétariat la notification ci-jointe concernant certaines modifications apportées à un accord bilatéral (voir COM.TEX/SB/128) conclu entre les Etats-Unis et la Malaisie.



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The Honorable
Ambassador Paul Wurth
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
Villa "Le Bocage"
Palais des Nations
1211 Geneva 10

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 amendment of the bilateral textile agreement between the United States and Malaysia. The original agreement was circulated as COM.TEX/SB/128.

The amendments involve: a) The revision of descriptions of certain categories; b) the establishment of three new subcategories; c) increases in the consultation levels applicable to eight categories listed in Annex A; and, d) the establishment of two new specific limits for knit shirts and blouses of cotton and knit shirts and tops of man-made fiber.

A copy of the exchange of Notes giving effect to the amendments described above is attached.

Sincerely yours,

Harry W. Phelan, Jr. Minister Counselor

Enclosure:

Copy, U. S. Department of State Press Release No. 115, 3-18-77 (in duplicate)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

. March 18, 1977

No. 115

THE UNITED STATES AND MALAYSIA AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Malaysia exchanged notes on February 9 and 25, to amend the existing bilateral textile agreement on trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles between the two countries. The texts of the notes follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE

February 9, 1977

Y.B. Datuk Haji Hamzah bin Haji Abu Samah, SMK, SIMP, SPDK Minister of Trade and Industry Ministry of Trade and Industry Wisma Damansara Jalan Semantan, Damansara Heights Kuala Lumpur, 23-03

Dear Mr. Minister:

I have the honor to refer to the Bilateral Agreement of May 16, 1975, between our two governments (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement) relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles, and to recent discussions between our two governments held in Kuala Lumpur on April 28-29, 1976.

I have further the honor, as a result of these discussions to propose the following amendment to the Agreement.

- 1. Annex B. shall be amended as follows:
 - A. The description for Category 62 shall be revised to read as follows:
 - 62 Other knitted or crocheted clothing excluding knit shirts and blouses Lb. 4.6
 - B. Between Category 62 and 63, a new subcategory shall be listed as follows:

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62(part) Knit shirts and blouses

C. The description for Category 224 shall be revised .ou to read as follows:

224 Other wearing apparel, knit, whether or not ornamented, excluding knit tops and vests

Lb.

D. Between Category 224 and 225, a new subcategory shall be listed as follows:

224 (part) Knit tops and vests Doz. 15.69

2. Annex A shall be amended by the addition of the following:
"For the second agreement year of the new agreement beginning
January 1, 1976, the following consultation levels in excess
of those stated in paragraph 8 shall apply:"

Category	Unit_	SYE
48 52 55	20,000 Dozen 68,823 Dozen 19,603 Dozen	1,000,000 1,000,000 1,000,000
62 (excluding knit	326,037 Pounds s) (Provided that	1,500,000 no more than 500,000
	other than muf	may be used for products flers and shawls)
121	44,444 numbers	200,000
223	93,750 Dozen ·	1,500,000
224(excluding knit		
tops and vests)	192,308 pounds	1,500,000
228	68,823 Dozen	1,000,000

3. In addition to the specific limits established in paragraph 4 of the Agreement as adjusted by paragraph 6, the following specific limits will apply beginning in the second agreement year:

Group II Catetory	Description	Unit	Square Yards Equivalent
41/42/43/62 · (part)	Knit shirts and blouses, cotton	345,590 Doz.	2,500,000
213/219/224 (part)	Knit shirts and tops, Han-made fiber	212,488 Coz.	2,500,000

Imports will be charged to the combined category 218/219/224 part specific limit in both dozens and square yards equivalents; the conversion factors established in Annex B for each category and part-category in the combined category shall apply.

If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of Malaysia, this letter and your letter of confirmation on behalf of the Government of Malaysia shall constitute an agreement between the two governments which will enter into force on the date of your reply of acceptance.

Sincerely,

Francis T. Underhill, r. Ambassador

MALAYSIAN NOTE

February 25, 1977

H.E. Mr. Francis T. Underhill Jr.
The Ambassador,
Embassy of the United States of America,
A.I.A. Building,
Jalan Ampang,
Kuala Lumpur Ol-17.

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 9 February, 1977 regarding the proposed amendments to the Bilateral Textile Agreement of May 16, 1975 and have the further honour to infilm you that your proposal is acceptable to the Government of Malaysia.

Sincerely,

(DATUK HJ. HAMZAH B. HJ. ABU SAMAH) Minister of Trade and Industry