

GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND
TRADE

ACCORD GENERAL SUR
LES TARIFS DOUANIERS
ET LE COMMERCE

CONFIDENTIAL

TEX.SB/248

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Textiles Surveillance Body

Organe de surveillance des textiles

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Bilateral Agreement between the United States and the Philippines

Note by the Chairman

Attached hereto is a communication from the United States Mission regarding an amendment to the United States agreement on textiles with the Philippines (see document COM.TEX/SB/154).

ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Notification conformément à l'article 4

Accord bilatéral conclu entre les Etats-Unis et les Philippines

Note du Président

La Mission des Etats-Unis a fait parvenir au secrétariat la communication ci-jointe concernant une modification apportée à l'accord relatif aux textiles, conclu entre les Etats-Unis et les Philippines (voir document COM.TEX/SB/154).



UNITED STATES MISSION TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
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The Honorable
Ambassador Paul Wurth
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
Centre William Rappard
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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 by my Government to inform the Textiles Surveillance Body (TSB) of the amendment of the bilateral cotton, man-made fiber and wool textile agreement between the United States of America and the Philippines. The original agreement was notified to the TSB and circulated to the Textile Committee as COM/TEX/SB/154 of March 24, 1974.

Paragraph 5 of the bilateral agreement, which establishes specific limits for certain categories of cotton and man-made fiber apparel items, has been amended to reflect current developments in the trade. The specific limit on Category 221 (sweaters and cardigans) has been reduced from 217,391 dozen to 140,391 dozen; offsetting this reduction are mergers and increased levels for shipments in certain categories falling within the "non-traditional group." Further, Annex A to the bilateral agreement has been amended to adjust the consultation level for one category and to adjust the levels for certain other categories for the second agreement year only.

A copy of the exchange of Notes giving effect to the amendments described above is enclosed (US Department of State Press Release No. 404 of August 25, 1977).

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Harry M. Phelan, Jr.

Harry M. Phelan, Jr.
Minister Counselor

Enclosure: US State Department
Press Release No. 404

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

August 25, 1977

No. 404

UNITED STATES AND REPUBLIC OF PHILIPPINES AMEND TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and the Republic of the Philippines exchanged notes 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

Excellency:

I refer to the Bilateral Agreement of October 15, 1975, on trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products between our two Governments (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement). I also refer to recent discussions between representatives of our two Governments in Manila. As a result of these discussions, I propose that the Agreement be amended as follows:

Paragraph 5 is amended as follows:

A. Traditional Categories - the specific limit for Category 221 is revised to 140,391 dozens.

B. Non-Traditional Categories -

1. Category 219 is replaced by Category 218/219/224 (part) - knit tops which shall have a specific limit of 530,438 dozens (8,326,298 square yards equivalent). Category 224 (part) - knit tops is composed of TSUSA numbers 382.0455 and 382.7879. The conversion factor for 224 (part) knit tops is 15.69 square yards per dozen.

2. Category 221 is added with a specific limit of 52,022 dozens.

3. The specific limit for Category 224 (part, other than knit tops) is revised to 863,840 lbs.

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4. Category 235 is replaced by Category 234/235, which shall have a specific limit of 61,546 dozens.

Annex A is amended as follows:

A. Traditional Categories - The consultation level for Category 224 (part) shall be revised to 705,217 dozens.

B. Non-Traditional Categories - For the second agreement year only Categories 42, 43 and 62 (part) shall together be subject to a consultation level of 481,500 dozens. Category 62 (part) includes TSUSA numbers 380.0027, 382.0002, 382.0026, 382.0605, 382.0610. The conversion factor for 62 (part) is 7.234 square yards per dozen. In the third agreement year, each of these Categories will be subject to the respective consultation level established for it in the first agreement year.

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

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

/S/ Lee T. Stull
Charge d'Affaires ad interim

His Excellency
Carlos P. Romulo,
Secretary of Foreign Affairs,
Department of Foreign Affairs,
Manila.

The Embassy of the United States of America
Manila, June 1, 1977

PHILIPPINE NOTE

Manila, 23 June 1977

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Note of June 1, 1977 which reads as follows:

See U.S. Note.

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I have further the honor to confirm on behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines the agreement set forth in your Note.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you the assurances of my high consideration.

/S/ Carlos P. Romulo
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

Mr. Lee T. Stull
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim
Embassy of the United States of America
Manila

UNITED STATES NOTE

Excellency:

I refer to the Bilateral Agreement of October 15, 1975 (as amended) on trade in cotton, wool, and man-made fiber textiles between our two Governments (hereafter referred to as the Agreement). I also refer to recent discussions between representatives of our two Governments held in Geneva. As a result of these discussions, I propose that the Agreement be amended as follows.

1. Delete the first sentence of paragraph 1 and insert the following: "The term of this Agreement shall be from October 1, 1975 through December 31, 1978. The first Agreement period shall be from October 1, 1975 through September 30, 1976. The second Agreement period shall be from October 1, 1976 through December 31, 1977. The third Agreement period shall be from January 1, 1978 through December 31, 1978".

2. Add the following clause to paragraph 4: to the third paragraph of paragraph 7(A); and to paragraph 7(C): "Except that for the second Agreement period only, each of the above mentioned consultation levels (including those listed in Annex A) is increased by 25 percent".

3. Paragraph 8 is revised to read as follows:

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In the second Agreement period, the aggregate, group and specific limits shall be increased by 35.6225 percent over the applicable limits for the first Agreement period. For the third Agreement period, the aggregate, group and specific limits shall be 85.6 percent of the applicable limits for the second Agreement period.

4. Paragraph 10 (B) is revised to read as follows:

10 (B) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, the following limits shall apply for the second Agreement period only:

(1) 49 and 63 part (coats) together shall be subject to a specific limit of 72,150 dozen.

(2) Categories 50 and 51 together shall be subject to a specific limit of 271,245 dozen. Exports in either sub-category shall not exceed 169,528 dozen.

(3) The specific limit for category 229 may be exceeded by up to 24,005 dozen, provided that the limit for category 237 is reduced by the number of dozen by which category 229 shipments exceed the applicable limit, as adjusted for swing and any available carryover.

5. Annex A is amended as follows for the second Agreement period only:

(1) Categories 41, 42, 43 and 62 (part-knit tops) together shall be subject to a consultation level of 722,831 dozen.

(3) Category 63 non-traditional shall be subject to a consultation level of 915,879 pounds.

6. Hand plied or braided and hand tied macrame handicraft articles, not combined with woven or knit material (except if such material is used for non-essential decorative and ornamental purposes only), will be exempt from the levels of the Agreement. This exemption will not apply to macrame apparel items. The two Governments will develop appropriate administrative arrangements to implement this exemption.

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

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

/S/ Lee T. Stull
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

His Excellency
Carlos P. Romulo,
Secretary of Foreign Affairs,
Department of Foreign Affairs,
Manila.

The Embassy of the United States of America,
Manila, July 25, 1977.

PHILIPPINE NOTE

Manila, 28 July 1977

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Note of July 25, 1977 which reads as follows:

See U.S. Note.

I have further the honor to confirm on behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines the agreement set forth in your Note.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you the assurances of my high consideration.

/S/ Carlos P. Romulo
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

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