

GENERAL AGREEMENT  
ON TARIFFS AND  
TRADE

ACCORD GENERAL SUR  
LES TARIFS DOUANIERS  
ET LE COMMERCE

CONFIDENTIAL

TEX.SB/276

7 February 1978

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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 an amendment to the bilateral agreement on cotton textiles<sup>1</sup> and to the bilateral agreement on wool and man-made fibre textile products<sup>2</sup>, both between the United States and Romania.

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<sup>1</sup>See COM.TEX/SB/129.

<sup>2</sup>See COM.TEX/SB/267.

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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 une modification de l'accord bilatéral sur les textiles de coton<sup>1</sup> et de l'accord bilatéral sur les produits textiles en laine et en fibres synthétiques et artificielles<sup>2</sup>, conclus entre les Etats-Unis et la Roumanie.

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<sup>1</sup>Voir le document COM.TEX/SB/129

<sup>2</sup>Voir le document COM.TEX/SB/267

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The Honorable  
Ambassador Paul Wurth  
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body  
Centre William Rappard  
154, rue de Lausanne  
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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 TSB of the amendment of the existing bilateral cotton textile agreement and the existing bilateral man-made fiber and wool textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Socialist Republic of Romania. The existing cotton textile bilateral and man-made fiber and wool bilateral agreements were notified to the TSB and subsequently circulated to the TC as COM.TEX/SB/129 of October 27, 1975, and COM.TEX/SB/267 of September 29, 1977 respectively.

The parties have agreed: (a) to amend paragraph 3(b) of the cotton textile bilateral by providing designated consultation levels for Categories 34, 35, 51, 63 and 62 (part) and by merging and providing a designated consultation level for Categories 45/46/47 as well as for Categories 42/43/62 (part); and, (b) to amend paragraph 2(b) of the man-made fiber and wool bilateral by establishing designated consultation levels for wool Category 104, by increasing the designated consultation level for Category 210 and by establishing designated consultation levels for Categories 224 and 238.

Attached hereto is a copy of U.S. State Department Press Release No. 481 of October 21, 1977, giving full texts of the Note exchanges giving effect to the amendments.

Sincerely,  
*Harry M. Phelan, Jr.*  
Harry M. Phelan, Jr.  
Minister Counselor

Attachment:  
As indicated above

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October 21, 1977  
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## UNITED STATES AND ROMANIA AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

The United States and Romania exchanged letters dated July 29, August 22, October 13, and October 19 to amend the existing bilateral agreements on trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles between the two countries. The texts of the letters follow:

### UNITED STATES LETTER #1

July 29, 1977

Mr. Napoleon Fodor  
Economic Counselor  
Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Romania  
Office of the Economic Counselor  
573-577 Third Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10016

Dear Mr. Fodor:

I refer to your letter of May 30, 1977 to Mr. Smith requesting permission to exceed the consultation levels for the third agreement year in several Categories of the bilateral agreement of June 2, 1975, between our two Governments on trade in cotton textiles.

My Government agrees to the requests for permission to exceed the level for Category 34 by 2 million square yards equivalent (SYE) and Category 35 by 1 million SYE. New authorized shipment levels will be 3 million SYE for Category 34 and 2 million SYE for Category 35.

My Government will agree to merge Categories 46 and 47 at a consultation level of 2.2 million SYE for the combined Category. We are unable to grant permission to exceed by the full amount requested because of problems of disruption in the U.S. market for these products.

If these levels are acceptable to your Government, this letter and your letter of confirmation shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments pursuant to paragraph 3(c) of the bilateral agreement.

Sincerely,  
/S/ Paul H. Boeker  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for  
Economic and Business Affairs

For further information contact:

ROMANIAN LETTER #1

Mr. Paul H. Boeker  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for  
Economic and Business Affairs  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520

August 22, 1977

Dear Mr. Boeker:

We would like to confirm your letter dated July 29, 1977, regarding some alterations to the cotton agreement.

We entirely agreed with the proposed levels in categories 34 and 35.

However, we would much appreciate your immediate considering of a minimum 4.0 mil. sye for the merge categories 46 and 47 and suggest you to also include in this new merge category the category 45.

Please be informed that we intend to ship in this merge category (45, 46 and 47) about 150.000 dos. of Flanel Shirts.

Thanking for your kind assistance, we remain

Sincerely yours

/S/ N. Fodor  
Economic Councillor

UNITED STATES LETTER #2

October 13, 1977

His Excellency  
Nicolae M. Nicolae  
Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Romania  
1607 23rd St., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I refer to the bilateral textile agreements of June 2, 1975 and June 17, 1977 between our two Governments concerning trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, hereinafter called the Agreements. I also refer to the recent requests by your Government to exceed the consultation levels established by the Agreement in several categories for the current agreement years. Regarding those categories, my Government is prepared to accept the following level of imports during the applicable current agreement years.

Merged Categories 42, 43 and part 62 (Tariff Schedule of the United States (TSUS) items 380.0024, 380.0027, 380.0645) - 325,000 dozen using the conversion factor of 7.234 square yards equivalent per dozen

Merged Categories 45, 46, and 47 - 2,900,000 square yards equivalent

Category 51 - 1,065,000 square yards equivalent

Part Category 62 (TSUS items not merged with Categories 42 and 43) - 3,250,000 square yards equivalent

Category 63 - 3,000,000 square yards equivalent

Category 104 - 250,000 square yards equivalent

Category 210 - 2,500,000 square yards equivalent

Category 224 - 5,000,000 square yards equivalent of which not more than 1,500,000 square yards equivalent may be in the TSUSA classifications covering other than athletic suits

Category 238 - 1,065,000 square yards equivalent

My Government further understands that the Government of Romania will utilize the yardage in Category 219 to ship fabric other than impression fabric covered under TSUS items 338.3014 and 338.3016.

If the foregoing is acceptable to your Government, I propose that this letter and your letter of confirmation will constitute an amendment to the Agreements.

Sincerely,  
/S/ William G. Barraclough  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for  
International Trade Policy

ROMANIAN LETTER #2

October 19, 1977

Mr. William G. Barraclough  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for  
International Trade Policy  
Department of State  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Barraclough:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated October 13, 1977 referring to the acceptance of new levels in several categories for the current agreement years of the Agreements concerning trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products.

The levels I would like to confirm as a result of our discussions held in Washington between September 27 - October 10, 1977 are as follows:

- Category 42, 43 and part 62 - 325,000 dozen using the conversion factor of 7.234 square yards equivalent
- Merged categories 45, 46 and 47 - 2,900,000 square yards equivalent
- Category 51 - 1,065,000 square yards equivalent
- Part category 62 - 3,250,000 square yards equivalent
- Category 63 - 3,000,000 square yards equivalent
- Category 104 - 250,000 square yards equivalent
- Category 210 - 2,500,000 square yards equivalent
- Category 224 - 5,000,000 square yards equivalent of which not more than 1,500,000 square yards equivalent may be in the classifications covering other than athletic suits.
- Category 238 - 1,065,000 square yards equivalent

Concerning category 51 I allow myself to inform you that existing contracts between Romanian and U.S. companies reached the level of 1,800,000 square yards equivalent. As a consequence I would like to ask you to reexamine the level you already confirmed and during the negotiations which will take place in Bucharest we will renew our request for an increase up to the above mentioned level.

Assuring you of my high consideration.

Sincerely yours,  
/S/ Nicolae M. Nicolae  
Ambassador