

GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND
TRADE

ACCORD GENERAL SUR
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ET LE COMMERCE

CONFIDENTIAL

TEX.SB/291
1 March 1978

Textiles Surveillance Body

Organe de surveillance des textiles

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Singapore

Note by the Chairman

The attached notification received from the United States mission concerns an amendment to the existing bilateral agreement covering certain textile products between the United States and Singapore.¹

¹For details see COM.TEX/SB/125.

ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Notification conformément à l'article 4:4

Accord bilatéral entre les Etats-Unis et Singapour

Note du Président

La Mission des Etats-Unis a fait parvenir au secrétariat la notification ci-jointe relative à une modification de l'accord bilatéral en vigueur portant sur certains produits textiles, conclu entre les Etats-Unis et Singapour¹.

¹Pour le détail de l'accord, voir le document COM.TEX/SB/125.



UNITED STATES MISSION TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

February 27, 1978

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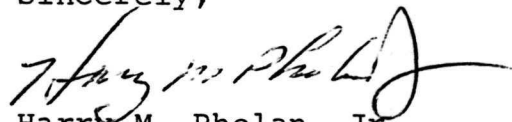
Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 4 of Article 4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I am instructed by my government to inform the TSB of an agreement to amend the bilateral textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Singapore. The original agreement was notified to the TSB and circulated as COM.TEX/SB/125 of 6 November 1975.

The amendment represents the assent of the United States to a request by Singapore to exceed, for the agreement year beginning January 1, 1977, the consultation level applicable to category 204.

Attached is a copy of State Department Press Release No. 25 of January 16, 1977 setting forth full texts of the exchange of letters giving effect to the amendment.

Sincerely,


Harry M. Phelan, Jr.
Minister-Counselor

Enclosure: As stated

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

January 16, 1978

No. 25

UNITED STATES AND SINGAPORE AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Singapore amended their bilateral textile agreement by letters dated March 29, June 17, November 10 and November 23, 1977. The texts of the letters follow:

UNITED STATES LETTER

November 23, 1977

Mr. K. P. Wong
Second Secretary
Embassy of Singapore
1824 R Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Wong:

I refer to your letter of November 10, 1977 to Mr. John J. St. John requesting permission for the Government of Singapore to allow exports in Category 204 of our bilateral textile agreement to exceed the currently authorized consultation level by an additional 150,000 pounds or 618,000 square yards equivalent in 1977.

I am pleased to confirm to you my Government's agreement to this request. The new authorized consultation level for Category 204 will be 3,118,000 square yards equivalent for the current agreement year.

Sincerely,

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

EB - Mr. C. Hand (202) 632-1682

SINGAPORE LETTER

November 10, 1977

Mr. John St. John
Chief
Textiles Division
Department of State

Dear Mr. St. John:

With reference to Article 8 of the existing bilateral agreement between our two countries on trade in cotton, wool and man-made fibre textiles and textile products, we would appreciate your kind consideration to permit us to export an additional 150,000 lbs or 618,000 square yards for Category 204 in 1977. This category is subject to a consultation level. Our quota position is as follows:

1) Utilization rate for Group I as of 31 October 1977	35.7%
2) 1977 quota level for Cat 204	242,718 lbs or 1,000,000 sq. yds.
Additional quantity allocated by your government on 17 June 1977	364,078 lbs or 1,500,000 sq. yds.
Present total quota for Cat. 204	606,796 lbs or 2,500,000 sq. yds.
Utilization rate for Cat 204 as of 9 November 1977	71.0%
Additional requirement for export by December 1977	150,000 lbs or 618,000 sq. yds.

We would be much obliged if you could favourably consider our request.

Yours sincerely,

/S/ K. P. Wong
Second Secretary

UNITED STATES LETTER

June 17, 1977

Mr. Ram Chandra
First Secretary
Embassy of Singapore
1824 R St. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Chandra:

I refer to your letter of March 29, 1977 to Mr. Charles Angevine requesting permission for the Government of Singapore to allow exports in Category 204 of our bilateral textile Agreement to exceed the consultation level by 1,500,000 square yards equivalent for the current agreement year.

I am pleased to confirm to you my government's agreement to this request. The new authorized shipment level for this Category will be 2,500,000 square yards equivalent for the current agreement year.

Sincerely,

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

SINGAPORE LETTER

March 29, 1977

Mr. Charles Angevine
Chief
Fibers and Textiles Division
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Angevine:

Referring to Article 8 of the existing bilateral agreement on trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber between our two countries, my Government would appreciate your kind consideration to permit Singapore to export an additional quantity of category 204 in 1977. This category is subject to consultation level. The country quota position as of 15.3.77 is as follows:

Group I Aggregate leve 1977	-	36,080,230 sq. yds.
Total quota allocated	-	12,476,556 sq. yds.
<u>Balance of quota available</u>	-	23,603,674 sq. yds.
Quotal allocated in category 204-		242,718 lbs or 1,000,000 sq. yds.
Additional requirement	-	364,078 lbs or 1,500,000 sq. yds.

I would be much obliged if you could favourably consider our request as we still have an uncommitted balance of 23,603,674 sq. yds. in Group I.

Yours sincerely,

/S/ Ram Chandra
First Secretary