

GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND
TRADE

ACCORD GENERAL SUR
LES TARIFS DOUANIERS
ET LE COMMERCE

CONFIDENTIAL

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Textiles Surveillance Body

Organe de surveillance des textiles

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4, paragraph 4

Amendment to the bilateral agreement between
the United States and the Philippines

Note by the Chairman

Attached hereto is a communication received from the United States mission regarding a further amendment to the multi-fibre agreement¹ between the United States and the Philippines.

¹For original agreement and amendments see COM.TEX/SB/154, 266 and 305.

ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Notification conformément à l'article 4, paragraphe 4

Modification de l'accord bilatéral entre
les Etats-Unis et les Philippines

Note du Président

On trouvera ci-joint copie d'une communication de la Mission des Etats-Unis relative à une nouvelle modification de l'accord multifibres¹ conclu entre les Etats-Unis et les Philippines.

¹Pour le texte initial de l'accord et les modifications qui lui ont été apportées, voir les documents COM.TEX/SB/154, 266 et 305.



UNITED STATES MISSION TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

May 11, 1978

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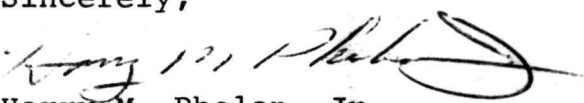
Dear Mr. Chairman:

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 of the further amendment of the bilateral cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines. The original agreement was circulated as COM.TEX/SB/154. Previous amendments were circulated as COM.TEX/SB/266, 290 and 308.

The purpose of the present amendment is to make certain adjustments in applicable group and category limits in order to effect an equitable accommodation of the new category system adopted by the United States on January 1, 1978. The present agreement, which expires September 30, 1978, will be replaced by a new agreement which is presently under negotiation. The adjustments effected by this amendment, thus, are of a transitional nature covering the period October 1, 1977 through September 30, 1978.

A copy of Department of State Press Release No. 65, which sets forth the texts of the exchange of Notes giving effect to the amendments, is attached.

Sincerely,


Harry M. Phelan, Jr.
Minister Counselor

Enclosure:
As stated

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

February 7, 1978
No. 65

UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC
OF THE PHILIPPINES AMEND
BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

*Amended
4/2/78*

The United States and the Republic of the Philippines exchanged notes on December 28, 1977 to amend the existing bilateral textile agreement between the two countries. The texts of the notes follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE

December 28, 1977

His Excellency
Jose D. Ingles
Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs
Department of Foreign Affairs
Manila

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 (hereinafter referred to as the agreement). I also refer to recent discussions between representatives of our two governments in Washington, D.C. As a result of these discussions, I propose that the agreement be further amended, effective January 1, 1978, as follows:

Paragraph 3 is revised to read as follows:

"Within the aggregate limit of 219,415,506 square yards equivalent applicable to the third agreement period, the following group limits shall apply for the third agreement period:

Group I - Traditional items which are defined as infants garments up to and including size 6X and classified in categories 335, 336, 337, 341, 342, 348, 352, 359, 636, 637, 641, 642, 646, 648, 652, and 659

----- Square Yards Equivalent

----- 131,184,932

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Group II - Non-Traditional apparel made-up, and miscellaneous manufacturers classified in categories 330-342, 345, 347-352, 359, 360-363, 369, 431-436, 438, 440, 442-448, 459, 464, 465, 469, 630-652, 659, 665, 666, and 669

----- Square Yards Equivalent

----- 88,230,574"

Paragraph 4 is revised to read as follows:

"Within the aggregate limit the Government of the Republic of the Philippines may export, during the third agreement period, up to 20,000,000 square yards equivalent of yarn and fabric (i.e., categories 300, 301, 310-320, 400, 410, 411, 425, 429, 600-605, 610-614, and 625-627); provided, however, that exports in any single cotton and man-made fiber yarn and fabric category may not exceed 3,000,000 square yards equivalent except by mutual agreement by the two governments, and exports of wool yarn and wool fabric may not exceed 100,000 square yards equivalent per category except by mutual agreement."

Paragraph 5 is revised to read as follows:

"Within the applicable group limit, the following specific limits shall apply for the third agreement

Period:

<u>Traditional Categories</u>	<u>Levels</u>
336	256,957 doz.
636	808,339 doz.
646	162,984 doz.
648	130,442 doz.

<u>Non-Traditional Categories</u>	<u>Levels</u>
331	449,224 doz. pr.
333/334/335	75,763 doz.
--- of which 333/334	31,476 doz.
--- of which 335	55,651 doz.
340	169,302 doz.
347/348	237,555 doz.
--- of which 347	151,785 doz.
--- of which 348	145,159 doz.
631	1,160,929 doz. pr.
633	25,479 doz.
634	129,124 doz.
635	150,818 doz.
638/639	651,832 doz.
640	71,450 doz.
643	390,761 nos.
645/646	60,394 doz.
649.	2,902,332 doz."

The last sentence of paragraph 8 is amended as follows:

"For the third agreement period, the aggregate, group, and specific limits shall be as stated in paragraphs 3 and 5."

Paragraph 13(A) is revised to read as follows:

"In implementing this agreement, the system of categories and the rates of conversion into square yards equivalent listed in the Annex B hereto shall apply, except that for categories 333/334 the conversion

factor shall be 39.5 square yards equivalent per dozen, and for categories 638/639 the conversion factor shall be 15.5 square yards per dozen."

Annex A is revised to read as follows:

"Designated third agreement period consultation levels pursuant to paragraph 7(A) of the agreement.

<u>Traditional Categories</u>	<u>Levels</u>
337	126,610 doz.
348	140,569 doz.
359	880,588 doz.
637	474,979 doz.
641	124,000 doz.
659	2,620,239 doz.

A factor of 1.74 pounds equals one dozen shall be used to convert pounds to dozens for traditional items in categories 359 and 659."

<u>Non-Traditional Categories</u>	<u>Levels</u>
330	800,000 doz.
338/339	450,000 doz.
345	34,496 doz.
349	500,000 doz.
351	50,000 doz.
359	824,547 lbs.
636	30,905 doz.
647	60,001 doz.
651	70,000 doz.
652	350,000 doz.
659	904,667 lbs.
434	166,666 nos.

Other Categories

Levels

604

1,795,064 lbs.

Annex B is replaced by the attached list of categories, descriptions, and rates of conversion into square yards equivalent.

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 effective January 1, 1978.

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

/S/ David D. Newsom
Ambassador

ANNEX B

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Conversion</u>	<u>Unit of</u>
Yarn			
--Cotton			
300	Carded	4.6	lb.
301	Combed	4.6	lb.
--Wool			
400	Tops and yarn	2.0	lb.
--Man-made Fiber			
600	Textured	3.5	lb.
601	Cont. Cellulosic	5.2	lb.
602	Cont. Non-Cellulosic	11.6	lb.
603	Spun Cellulosic	3.4	lb.
604	Spun Non-Cellulosic	4.1	lb.
605	Other yarns	3.5	lb.
Fabric			
--Cotton			
310	Ginghams	1.0	syd.
311	Velveteens	1.0	syd.
312	Corduroy	1.0	syd.
313	Sheeting	1.0	syd.
314	Broadcloth	1.0	syd.
315	Printcloth	1.0	syd.

316	Shirtings	1.0	syd.
317	Twills and Sateens	1.0	syd.
318	Yarn-dyed	1.0	syd.
319	Duck	1.0	syd.
320	Other fabrics, N.K.	1.0	syd.

--Wool

410	Woolens and worsted	1.0	syd.
411	Tapestries and upholstery	1.0	syd.
425	Knit	2.0	lb.
429	Other fabrics	1.0	syd.

-- Man-made Fiber

610	Cont. cellulosic, N.K.	1.0	syd.
611	Spun cellulosic, N.K.	1.0	syd.
612	Cont. Non-cellulosic, N.K.	1.0	syd.
613	Spun Non-cellulosic, N.K.	1.0	syd.
614	Other fabrics, N.K.	1.0	syd.
625	Knit	7.8	lb.
626	Pile and tufted	1.0	syd.
627	Specialty	7.8	lb.

Apparel

--Cotton

330	Handkerchiefs	1.7	doz.
331	Gloves.	3.5	doz. pr.
332	Hosiery	4.6	doz. pr.
333	Suit-type Coats, M and B	36.2	doz.
334	Other coats, M and B	41.3	doz.
335	Coats, W, G and I	41.3	doz.
336	Dresses (Inc. uniforms)	45.3	doz.
337	Playsuits, sunsuits, washsuits, creepers, rompers, etc.	25.0	doz.
338	Knit shirts, (Inc. T-shirts, other and sweatshirts) M and B	7.2	doz.
339	Knit shirts and blouses (Inc. T-shirts, other and sweatshirts) W, G and I	7.2	doz.
340	Shirts, N.K.	24.0	doz.
341	Blouses, N.K.	14.5	doz.
342	Skirts	17.8	doz.
343	Suits, M and B	4.5	no.
344	Suits, W, G and I	4.5	no.
345	Sweaters	36.8	doz.
347	Trousers, Slacks and Shorts (outer) M and B	17.8	doz.
348	Trousers, Slacks and Shorts (outer) W, G and I	17.8	doz.
349	Brassieres, etc.	4.8	doz.
350	Dressing gowns, inc. bathrobes, and beach robes, lounging gowns, house coats, and dusters	51.0	doz.
351	Pajamas and other nightwear	52.0	doz.
352	Underwear (inc. union suits)	11.0	lb.
359	Other Apparel	4.6	lb.

--Wool

431	Gloves	2.1	doz. pr.
432	Hosiery	2.8	doz. pr.
433	Suit-type Coats, M and B	3.0	no.
434	Other coats, M and B	4.5	no.
435	Coats, W, G and I	4.5	no.
436	Dresses	4.1	no.
438	Knit shirts and blouses	15.0	doz.

440	Shirts and blouses, NK	24.0	doz.
442	Skirts	1.5	no.
443	Suits, M and B	4.5	no.
444	Suits, W, G and I	4.5	no.
445	Sweaters, M and B	14.88	doz.
446	Sweaters, W, G and I	14.88	doz.
447	Trousers, Slacks and Shorts (outer) M and B	1.5	no.
448	Trousers, Slacks and Shorts (outer) W, G and I	1.5	no.
459	Other wool apparel	2.0	lb.

--Man-made Fiber

630	Hankerchiefs	1.7	doz.
631	Gloves	3.5	doz. pr.
632	Hosiery	4.6	doz. pr.
633	Suit-type Coats, M and B	36.2	doz.
634	Other coats, M and B	41.3	doz.
635	Coats, W, G and I	41.3	doz.
636	Dresses	45.3	doz.
637	Playsuits, sunsuits, washsuits, etc.	21.3	doz.
638	Knit Shirts, (inc. T-shirts) M and B	18.0	doz.
639	Knit Shirts and Blouses (inc. T-shirts), W, G and I	15.0	doz.
640	Shirts, N.K.	24.0	doz.
641	Blouses, N.K.	14.5	doz.
642	Skirts	17.8	doz.
643	Suits, M and B	4.5	no.
644	Suits, W, G and I	4.5	no.
645	Sweaters, M and B	36.8	doz.
646	Sweaters, W, G and I	36.8	doz.
647	Trousers, Slacks, and Shorts (outer), M and B	17.8	doz.
648	Trousers, Slacks and Shorts (outer), W, G and I	17.8	doz.
649	Brassieres, etc.	4.8	doz.
650	Dressing gowns, inc. bath and beach robes	51.0	doz.
651	Pajamas and other nightwear	52.0	doz.
652	Underwear	16.0	doz.
659	Other Apparel	7.8	lb.

Made-ups and Misc.

--Cotton

360	Pillow cases	1.1	no.
361	Sheets	6.2	no.
362	Bedspreads and quilts	6.9	no.
363	Terry and other pile towels	0.5	no.
369	Other cotton manufactures	4.6	lb.

--Wool

464	Blankets and auto robes	1.3	lb.
465	Floor covering	0.1	sft.
469	Other wool manufactures	2.0	lb.

--Man-made Fiber

665	Floor coverings	0.1	sft.
666	Other furnishings	7.8	lb.
669	Other man-made manufactures	7.8	lb.

REPUBLIC OF PHILIPPINE NOTE

Manila, December 28, 1977

His Excellency
David D. Newsom
Ambassador of the United States
of America to the Republic
of the Philippines
Manila

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Excellency's note of today's date which reads as follows:

See U.S. note.

I have the honor to further confirm on behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, the acceptance of the amendments to the bilateral agreement as mentioned in Your Excellency's Note.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

/S/ Jose D. Ingles
Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs