

GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND
TRADE

ACCORD GENERAL SUR
LES TARIFS DOUANIERS
ET LE COMMERCE

CONFIDENTIAL

TEX.SB/310
26 June 1978

Textiles Surveillance Body

Organe de surveillance des textiles

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment to the bilateral agreement between the
United States and Colombia

Note by the Chairman

Attached hereto is a communication from the United States mission regarding an amendment to the existing bilateral agreement between the United States and Colombia.¹ The amendment concerns an increase in the consultation levels for Categories 19 and 228 in the third year of the agreement.

¹For original agreement see COM.TEX/SB/127

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 la Colombie

Note du Président

La Mission des Etats-Unis a fait parvenir au secrétariat la communication ci-jointe relative à une modification de l'accord bilatéral conclu entre les Etats-Unis et la Colombie¹. Cette modification consiste en un relèvement des seuils de consultation pour les catégories 19 et 228 pendant la troisième année d'application de l'accord.

¹Pour le texte initial de l'accord, voir le document COM.TEX/SB/127.



UNITED STATES MISSION TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

June 21, 1978

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 Textiles Surveillance Body of the 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 Colombia. The original agreement was notified to the TSB and circulated to the Textiles Committee as COM.TEX/SB/127 of October 23, 1975.

Subject amendment represents the accession of the Government of the United States of America to a request by the Government of Colombia to exceed the consultation levels in effect for Categories 19 and 228 in the third agreement year (July 1, 1977 through June 30, 1978). The consultation levels in effect in the preceding second agreement year for Categories 19 and 228 were 1,000,000 syds. equiv. and 700,000 syds. equiv. respectively. The new levels for Categories 19 and 228 for the third agreement year are 2,000,000 syds. equiv. and 1,200,000 syds. equiv. respectively. The changes represent a 100% increase in the level for Category 19 and a 71% increase for Category 228.

Attached hereto is a copy of U.S. State Department Press Release No. 203 of May 3, 1978, setting forth the exchange of Notes giving effect to the amendment.

Sincerely,

Harry M. Phelan, Jr.
Minister-Counselor

Enclosure:
As stated

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

No. 203
May 3, 1978


Received
5/16/78

THE UNITED STATES AND COLOMBIA AMEND TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Colombia exchanged notes on April 4 and April 6, 1978 to amend their bilateral agreement on trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products. The texts of the notes follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE

Bogota, April 4, 1978

His Excellency
Doctor Indalecio Lievano Aguirre
Minister of Foreign Relations
Bogota

: Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the Bilateral Textile Agreement of May 28, 1975, between our two Governments, as amended, and to the letter of January 18, 1978, from Dr. Hernando Arciniegas, Sub-Director de Exportaciones, Instituto Colombiano de Comercio Exterior, to Mr. Stephen R. Gibson, Economic Commercial Counselor, Embassy of the United States of America, requesting permission, under Paragraph 8 of the Agreement, to increase Colombian exports during the Third Agreement Year in Categories 19 and 228.

My Government proposes that, during the Third Agreement Year, exports from Colombia to the United States of America in Category 19 may exceed the consultation level by 1,000,000 square yards equivalent, to a total of 2,000,000 square yards equivalent, and exports in Category 228 may exceed the consultation level by 500,000 square yards equivalent, to a total of 1,200,000 square yards equivalent.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of Colombia, this note and the Ministry of Foreign Relations' note of confirmation shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

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Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

/S/ Diego C. Asencio
Ambassador

COLOMBIAN NOTE

Bogota, April 6, 1978

His Excellency
Mr. Diego C. Asencio
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotenciary of the United
States of America
Bogota

Mr. Ambassador:

: I have the honor to refer to the Bilateral Textile Agreement of May 28, 1975, and Your Excellency's note number 252 of April 4, 1978, that states literally:

See U.S. note.

In expressing in the name of the National Government my conformity to the proposals contained in the second and third paragraphs of Your Excellency's note, I take this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

/S/ Indalecio Lievano Aguirre
Minister of Foreign Relations