

GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND
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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 Korea

Note by the Chairman

The attached notification received from the United States mission concerns an amendment to the new cotton, wool and man-made fibre agreement¹ between the United States and Korea. The amendment only concerns category 440: wool shirts and blouses, not knit.

¹For original agreement, see COM.TEX/SB/329.

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 Corée

Note du Président

La Mission permanente des Etats-Unis a fait parvenir au secrétariat la notification ci-jointe concernant une modification apportée au nouvel accord¹ sur le coton, la laine et les fibres synthétiques et artificielles conclu entre les Etats-Unis et la Corée. Cette modification concerne uniquement la catégorie 440: chemises et chemisiers en laine, autres que de bonneterie.

¹Pour le texte initial de l'accord, voir le document COM.TEX/SB/329.



UNITED STATES MISSION TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

June 22, 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 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 the Republic of Korea (original agreement notified to TSB as TEX.SB/306 of May 18, 1978).

In the course of negotiating the basic agreement, the parties, due to certain statistical difficulties, were unable to agree at that time on a limit for Category 440 (wool shirts and blouses, not knit). In subsequent consultations the statistical difficulties were resolved and agreement was reached on the category 440 limit for each of the five years of the agreement.

Agreement on specific limits for Category 440 necessitated: (a) a change of language in paragraph 8 of the agreement, i.e., the addition at the end of the penultimate sentence in that paragraph of "and the Specific Limit for Category 440 may not be exceeded by more than 3%"; and (b) the inclusion of the agreed limits for Category 440 in the Annex B tabulation to replace the phrase "subject to consultations."

Attached hereto is a copy of State Department Press Release No. 240 of June 7, 1978, setting forth the texts of the exchange of Notes giving effect to the amendments.

Sincerely,

Harry M. Phelan, Jr.
Minister-Counselor

Enclosure:
As stated

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

June 7, 1978

No. 240

UNITED STATES AND KOREA AMEND TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Korea exchanged notes May 23, 1978 and May 26, 1978 respectively, to amend the existing bilateral textile agreement. The texts of the notes follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE

May 23, 1978

His Excellency
Yong Shik Kim
Ambassador of Korea

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the Agreement of December 23, 1977, as amended, regarding trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products between the Republic of Korea and the United States of America (the Agreement) and to consultations between representatives of the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Government of the United States of America in Seoul on February 16-18, 1978, and in Washington on March 17, 1978, held in accordance with paragraph 18 of the Agreement, concerning appropriate limits for Category 440.

On the basis of these consultations I have the honor to propose, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, that the Agreement be amended as follows:

1. Paragraph 8 of the Agreement is amended to read as follows:

"8. During any Agreement Year, and within the Aggregate and applicable Group Limits for such Agreement Year, as they may be adjusted pursuant to paragraphs 7 and 9, any Specific Limit or Sub-Limit set out in Annex B, or pursuant to an amendment to Annex B, or as a result of the consultation procedures in subparagraph 6(b) may be exceeded by not more than:

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10 percent if included within Group I,
 7 percent if included within Group II,
 5 percent if included within Group III,

provided however, that the Specific Limits and Sub-Limits for Categories 319, 633/634/635, 638/639, 640 (dress shirts), 640 (other shirts), 641, 643, 645/646, and 647 may not be exceeded by more than 6 percent and the Specific Limit for Category 440 may not be exceeded by more than 3 percent. Adjustments made pursuant to this paragraph are in addition to those pursuant to paragraph 9."

2. Annex B is amended by deleting the phrase "(Subject to consultation--)" opposite Category 440 and inserting in its place the following Specific Limits for the Agreement Years specified:

1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year
"199,999	201,999	204,019	206,059
5th Year			
208,120"			

If the foregoing conforms with the understanding of the Government of the Republic of Korea, this note and Your Excellency's note of confirmation on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Korea shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

For the Secretary of State:

/S/ William Barraclough

KOREAN NOTE

May 26, 1978

His Excellency
 Cyrus R. Vance
 Secretary of State
 Department of State
 Washington, D.C.

Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's note of May 23, 1978, concerning the export of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products from the Republic of Korea to the United States of America.

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I have further the honor to inform Your Excellency that the proposals set forth in Your Excellency's note are acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Korea and to confirm on behalf of the Korean Government that Your Excellency's note and this note in reply thereto shall constitute an amendment correcting the Agreement.

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

/S/ Yong Shik Kim
Ambassador