

GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND
TRADE

ACCORD GENERAL SUR
LES TARIFS DOUANIERS
ET LE COMMERCE

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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 Romania

Note by the Chairman

Attached hereto is a copy of a notification received from the United States mission regarding an amendment to its multifibre agreement¹ with Romania.

¹For original agreement and amendment see COM.TEX/SB/267 and 294.

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 Roumanie

Note du Président

La mission des Etats-Unis a fait parvenir au secrétariat la notification, reproduite ci-après, relative à une modification de leur accord multifibres¹ avec la Roumanie.

¹Pour le texte de l'accord initial et d'une première modification qui lui avait été apportée, voir les documents COM.TEX/SB/267 et 294.



UNITED STATES MISSION TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

June 23, 1978

The Honorable
Ambassador Paul Wurth
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
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Wurth

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 wool and man-made fiber textile agreement, as amended, between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania. The original agreement was notified to the TSB and circulated to the Textiles Committee as COM.TEX/SB/267. A subsequent amendment was notified to the TSB and circulated to the Textiles Committee as COM.TEX/SB/294.

The purpose of the present amendment is to convert the various limitations and, where necessary, the language of the basic agreement to conform to the new category system put into effect by the United States on January 1, 1978.

Paragraph 2(b) of the basic agreement has been amended to include a designated consultation level for category 465 (wool floor covering). The remaining categories in this sub-paragraph, having direct correlation with the old category system, are now shown with the new category numbers with the designated consultation levels unchanged.

Paragraph 3(a) of the basic agreement is amended to adjust the group specific limit for the products included in the group to the new category system which resulted in an increase in the group specific limit from 22,000,000 syds. equiv. in the basic agreement to 23,540,000 syds. equiv.

Paragraph 3(c) of the basic agreement has been amended to increase the number of categories subject to designated consultation levels. All levels so designated are in excess of the general consultation levels to which they were subjected in paragraph 3(b) of the basic agreement.

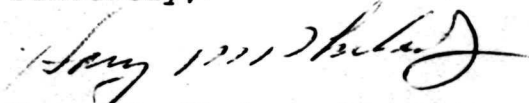
Paragraph 3(d) and 3(e) have been amended to adjust specific limits in the basic agreement to conform to the new category system.

Paragraph 11(a) has been amended by the necessary addition of two new sub-paragraphs (11(A)(I) and 11(A)(II) to effect mergers of certain categories which were not merged in the basic agreement.

Finally, a new paragraph (as para 18) has been added in order to cover certain transitional arrangements necessitated by the application of the new category system.

Attached hereto is a copy of U.S. State Department Press Release No. 206 which sets 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

May 3, 1978

No. 206

*Revised
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THE UNITED STATES AND ROMANIA AMEND TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and the Socialist Republic of Romania exchanged notes to amend the existing bilateral textile agreement on trade in wool and man-made fiber textiles between the two countries. The texts of the notes follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE

His Excellency
Ion Patan
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister
of Foreign Trade and International
Economic Cooperation
Socialist Republic of Romania

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the Bilateral Agreement of June 17, 1977 (as amended) on Trade in Wool and Man-made Fiber Textiles between our two Governments (The "Agreement"). I also refer to recent discussions between representatives of our two Governments in Bucharest, Romania and Washington, D.C. As a result of these discussions I propose that the Agreement be amended, effective January 1, 1978 as follows:

1. Paragraph 2 (A) of the Agreement is amended to read as follows:

"Non-apparel textile products (categories 410-429, 464-469, 610-627 and 665-669) as a group are subject to a designated consultation level of 10 million square yards equivalent."

2. Paragraph 2 (B) of the Agreement is amended to read as follows:

"Within the designated consultation level for the non-apparel group the following categories shall have designated annual consultation levels as follows:

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Category	Designated annual consultation level (square yards equivalent)
465	150,000
610	2,000,000
611	2,000,000
612	2,000,000
613	4,000,000
614	1,500,000
666	2,000,000

3. Paragraph 3 (A) of the Agreement is amended to read as follows:

"Apparel textile products (categories 431-459 and 630-659) as a group are subject to a specific limit of 23,540,000 square yards equivalent for the 1978 agreement year.

4. Paragraph 3 (C) shall be amended to read as follows:

"The following categories shall have designated annual consultation levels as indicated:

Category	Designated annual consultation level (square yards equivalent)
433/434	225,000
435/444	375,000
459	150,000
633	1,500,000
634	2,200,000
(not knit)	(700,000)
(knit) Pt.	(1,500,000)
643/644 (knit)	112,500
640	1,200,000
648	1,065,000
659	1,500,000

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5. Paragraph 3 (D) shall be amended to read as follows:

"Categories 443, 638/639, 645/646 and 643/644 (not knit) will be subject to specific limits. The 1978 agreement year level for category 638/639 will be 2,675,000 million SYE. The levels for each agreement year for categories 443, 645/646 and 643/644 (not knit) include the adjustments authorized under paragraphs 4 and 5, and are as shown in subparagraph (E)."

6. Paragraph 3 (E) shall be amended to read as follows:

"Specific limits for categories 443, 645/646 and 643/644 (not knit) as adjusted:

Categories	1978	1979	1980
443	88,022	88,902	89,791
	Units	Units	Units
645/646	5,500,000	5,500,000	5,500,000
	SYE	SYE	SYE
643/644	236,994	253,584	271,335
(not knit)	Units	Units	Units

If the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania wishes to utilize in any agreement year any additional yardage in categories 443, 645/646 or 643/644 (not knit) beyond the yardage stipulated in the schedule above, the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania will notify the Government of the United States and will not utilize such requested yardage without the concurrence of the Government of the United States."

7. Paragraph 11 (A) of the Agreement is amended to read as follows:

"11 (A) (I) The system of categories and the rates of conversion into square yards equivalent listed in Annex A shall apply in implementing this Agreement except as set out in subparagraph 11 (A) (II)."

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"11 (A) (II) For purposes of this Agreement and in recognition of the patterns of trade of the Socialist Republic of Romania with the United States of America, groups of categories below are merged and treated as single categories and sub-categories as indicated, with specific limits and consultation levels for categories and sub-categories as set out elsewhere in this Agreement:

Categories merged	Designation in Agreement	Subcategories
433; 434	433/434	None
435; 444	435/444	None
638; 639	638/639	None
643; 644	643/644	643/644 (knit) 643/644 (not knit)
645; 646	645/646	None

Category 634 is divided into two categories, designated category 634 (knit) and category 634 (not knit), each subject to a consultation level as set out elsewhere in this Agreement.

8. The following paragraph is added to the Agreement as paragraph 18:

"18. Textile and textile products which are exported from Romania during 1977 are subject to the 1977 limits or levels; exports during 1978 and subsequent years are subject to limits or levels for the year in which exported."

9. Annex A to the Agreement is replaced by the list of categories, descriptions and rates of conversion into square yards equivalent attached hereto as Annex A.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania, this note and your Excellency's note of confirmation on behalf of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania shall constitute an Amendment to the Agreement.

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

/S/ Orison Rudolph Aggrey
Ambassador

ANNEX A

Category	Description	Conversion Factor	Unit of Measure
Yarn			
Wool			
400	Tops and yarn	2.0	Lb.
Man-made fiber			
600	Textured	3.5	Lb.
601	Cont. Cellulosic	5.2	Lb.
602	Cont. Noncellulosic	11.6	Lb.
603	Spun Cellulosic	3.4	Lb.
604	Spun Noncellulosic	4.1	Lb.
605	Other yarns	3.5	Lb.
Fabric			
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. Noncellulosic, N.K.	1.0	SYD
613	Spun Noncellulosic, 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

Wool

431	Gloves	2.1	DPR
432	Hosiery	2.8	DPR
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	DZ.
440	Shirts and Blouses, N.K.	24.0	DZ.
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	36.8	DZ.
446	Sweaters, W, G and I	36.8	DZ.
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	Handkerchiefs	1.7	DZ.
631	Gloves	3.5	DPR
632	Hosiery	4.6	DPR
633	Suit-type Coats, M and B	36.2	DZ.
634	Other Coats, M and B	41.3	DZ.
635	Coats, W, G and I	41.3	DZ.
636	Dresses	45.3	DZ.
637	Playsuits, Sunsuits,		
	Washesuits, etc.	21.3	DZ.
638	Knit Shirts, (Inc. T-shirts),		
	M and B	18.0	DZ.
639	Knit Shirts and Blouses		
	(Inc. T-shirts), W, G and I	15.0	DZ.

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640	Shirts, N.K.	24.0	DZ.
641	Blouses, N.K.	14.5	DZ.
642	Skirts	17.8	DZ.
643	Suits, M and B	4.5	No.
644	Suits, W, G and I	4.5	No.
645	Sweaters, M and B	36.8	DZ.
646	Sweaters, W, G and I	36.8	DZ.
647	Trousers, Slacks, and Shorts (outer), M and B	17.8	DZ.
648	Trousers, Slacks and Shorts (outer), W, G and I	17.8	DZ.
649	Brassieres, etc.	4.8	DZ.
650	Dressing Gowns, Inc. Bath and Beach Robes	51.0	DZ.
651	Pajamas and other Nightwear	52.0	DZ.
652	Underwear	16.0	DZ.
659	Other Apparel	7.8	Lb.
	Made-ups and Misc.		
	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.

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ROMANIAN NOTE

12 April 1978

His Excellency
Orison Rudolph AGGREY
Ambassador of the
United States of America

Excellency,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Note No. 26, proposing that the Bilateral Agreement on Trade in Wool and Man-made Fiber Textiles between our two Governments of June 17, 1977, be amended -as a result of discussions held in Washington, D.C. on December 15-16, 1977 -reading as follows:

See U.S. Note.

I confirm that the foregoing proposal of the Government of the United States is acceptable to the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania and that the proposal in your Note and this Note of confirmation constitute an Amendment to the Agreement.

Please, accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

/S/ C. Stanciu
Deputy Minister

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