

GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND
TRADE

ACCORD GENERAL SUR
LES TARIFS DOUANIERS
ET LE COMMERCE

CONFIDENTIAL

TEX.SB/351

7 December 1978

Textiles Surveillance Body

Organe de surveillance des textiles

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendments to the bilateral agreements 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 amendments to its wool and man-made fibre agreement¹, as well as to its cotton textiles agreement² with Romania.

¹For original agreement and amendments see COM.TEX/SB/267, 294 and 347.

²For original agreement see COM.TEX/SB/301.

ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Notification conformément à l'article 4, paragraphe 4

Modifications des accords bilatéraux 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 des modifications de leurs accords avec la Roumanie, dont l'un porte sur les textiles en laine et en fibres synthétiques et artificielles¹ et l'autre sur les textiles de coton.²

¹Pour le texte de l'accord initial et des modifications qui lui avaient déjà été apportées, voir les documents COM.TEX/SB/267, 294 et 347.

²Pour le texte de l'accord initial, voir le document COM.TEX/SB/301.

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GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

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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 TSB of amendments of the bilateral cotton textiles agreement and the wool and man-made fiber bilateral textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania. The original man-made fiber and wool textile agreement, notified to the TSB and circulated as COM.TEX/SB/267 of 29 September 1977, was subsequently amended; said amendments having been notified to the TSB and circulated as COM.TEX/SB/294 of 27 February 1978 and COM.TEX/SB/347 of 28 July 1978. The original cotton textiles agreement was notified to the TSB and circulated as COM.TEX/SB/301 of 17 March 1978.

Both the cotton and the wool and man-made fiber agreements have been amended by an exchange of letters on September 11, 1978; full texts of said exchange being attached hereto as Department of State Press Release No. 373 of September 27, 1978. This exchange of letters: (a) effected increases in the designated consultation levels for categories 340 (cotton shirts, not knit) and 352 (cotton underwear) from 2,700,000 syds. equiv. to 2,820,000 syds. equiv. and from 2,000,000 syds. equiv. to 2,660,000 syds. equiv. respectively for the two categories concerned. This exchange also amended the wool and man-made fiber agreement by establishing two new designated consultation levels for categories 635 (man-made fiber coats, women's, girls' and infants') and 647 (man-made fiber trousers, men's and boys'). In the original wool and man-made fiber agreement, both the foregoing categories were subject to the general consultation level of 700,000 syds. equiv. The new designated levels for categories 635 and 647 are 848,680 syds. equiv. and 878,000 syds. equiv. respectively. This amendment also effects an increase in the previously designated consultation level for category 659

(man-made fiber, other apparel) from 1,500,000 syds. equiv. to 1,812,000 syds. equiv.

Further amendments of the cotton and the wool and man-made fiber bilateral agreements were effected by an exchange of letters on October 13, 1978; full texts of said exchange being set forth in the attached State Department Press Release No. 395 of October 20, 1978.

The amendments mentioned in the preceding paragraph were the result of consultations arising from substantial overshipments of certain cotton apparel items in the first agreement year and a recognition by both parties that certain levels set in the original cotton textile agreement did not adequately reflect the patterns of trade emerging in late 1977 and 1978. As a result of the overshipments in certain cotton apparel categories (mentioned above), the parties elected to spread compensation over the life of the agreement rather than having it charged to the first and second agreement years. This resulted in agreement on a reduction of 2,580,000 syds. equiv. from the apparel group limit's 1978 base; growth and flexibility provisions remaining unchanged. After considering the new trade patterns which had contributed to the overshipment problem, the parties agreed to the establishment of new designated consultation levels (and new sub-categories) for categories 334 (cotton, other coats, men's and boys') and category 338 (cotton knit shirts, men's and boys'). In the original agreement, both these categories had been subject to the general cotton apparel consultation level of 700,000 syds. equiv. The new designated level for category 334 will be 7,695,000 syds. equiv. for the first agreement year and 9,760,000 syds. equiv. in subsequent agreement years. The new designated consultation level for category 338 (knit shirts, men's and boys') shall be 2,160,000 syds. equiv. for the first agreement year and 1,500,000 syds. equiv. for the subsequent agreement years. Designated levels for the newly established sub-categories will be for sub-category 334 (part) 1,500,000 syds. equiv. and for sub-category 338 (part) 700,000 syds. equiv.

Finally, the October 13, 1978, exchange of letters amends the bilateral wool and man-made fiber agreement by correcting the conversion factors for categories 445 and 446 (wool sweaters) erroneously shown in Annex B of the amended bilateral (see COM.TEX/SB/347).

Sincerely,



Harry M. Phelan, Jr.
Minister Counselor

Attachments:

Press Release No. 373 (Sept. 27, 1978) and 395 (October 20, 1978)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

October 20, 1978
No. 395

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UNITED STATES AND ROMANIA AMEND TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Romania exchanged letters dated October 13, 1978 and October 14, 1978 to amend the existing bilateral textile agreement. The texts of the letters follow:

UNITED STATES LETTER

October 13, 1978

Mr. Napoleon Fodor
Economic Counselor
Embassy of the Socialist
Republic of Romania
1607 23rd St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Mr. Fodor:

I refer to the Agreement between the United States of America and the Socialist Republic of Romania Relating to Trade in Cotton Textiles, with Annex, effected by exchange of notes January 6 and 25, 1978, as amended ("the Agreement"), and to discussions held in Washington, D.C. between representatives of our two countries October 3 through October 5, 1978. As a result of those discussions, I propose that the Agreement be amended as follows:

1. Paragraph 4 of the Agreement shall be amended to read as follows:

"4. The apparel group limit covering categories 330-333 and 335-359, for each Agreement Year shall be as follows:

	LIMIT (SQUARE YARDS EQUIVALENT)
1st Agreement Year (January 1 - December 31, 1978)	16,920,000

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2nd Agreement Year (January 1 - December 31, 1979)	17,730,000
3rd Agreement Year (January 1 - December 31, 1980)	18,970,200
4th Agreement Year (January 1 - December 31, 1981)	20,284,812
5th Agreement Year (January 1 - December 31, 1982)	21,678,300

2. Paragraph 5(B) shall be amended to set out a new sub-category and to establish new levels as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Level</u> (Square Yards Equivalent)	
	First Agreement Year (1978)	Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Agreement Years (1979-1982)
"334 - Other coats, M and B	7,695,000	9,760,000
(334 Part, other than zippered sweatshirts currently in TSUSA 380.0611)	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)"
"338 - Knit shirts, M and B	2,160,000	(1,800,000)
(338 Part, other than T-shirts and sweatshirts)	(700,000)	(700,000)"

3. Annex A shall be amended to establish new conversion factors as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Conversion Factor</u>	<u>Unit of Measure</u>
445	Sweaters, M and B	14.88	DZ.
446	Sweaters, W, G and I	14.88	DZ.

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If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania, this letter and your letter of confirmation on behalf of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement, effective on the date of your letter of confirmation.

Sincerely,

/S/Robert D. Hormats
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Economic and Business Affairs

ROMANIAN LETTER

Mr. Robert Hormats
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Economic and Business Affairs
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Hormats,

I refer to your letter of October 13, 1978 dealing with new levels in categories 334 and 338 and the new conversion factor for categories 445 and 446, as a result of discussion held in Washington D.C. between representatives of the two countries.

Please be informed that the Romanian authorities are accepting the mentioned Amendments, as they are outlined in your letter.

Consequently your letter dated October 13, 1978 and the present letter of confirmation, are accordingly amending the cotton textile agreement effected by exchange of notes of January 6 and 25, 1978.

Sincerely,
/S/ Napoleon Fodor
Economic Counsellor

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

September 27, 1978
No. 373

*Received
Oct 18, 1978*

UNITED STATES AND ROMANIA AMEND TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Romania exchanged letters dated July 27, 1978 and September 11, 1978 to amend the existing bilateral textile agreement. The texts of the letters follow:

UNITED STATES LETTER

July 27, 1978

Mr. Napoleon Fodor
Economic Counselor
Embassy of the Socialist
Republic of Romania
Office of the Economic Counselor
573-577 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Dear Mr. Fodor:

I refer to Mr. Horotan's letter of June 24, 1978 to Mr. Paul Boeker requesting permission to exceed the limitations set for the 1978 agreement year in a number of categories by the Romanian bilateral agreements of June 17, 1977 (as amended) and January 6, 1978.

My Government proposes that new designated consultation levels be set as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Designated Consultation Level</u> <u>Square Yards Equivalent</u>
340 Shirts, not knit	2,820,000
352 Underwear	2,660,000
635 Coats, women's, girls' and infants	848,680
647 Trousers, men's and boys'	878,000
659 Other apparel	1,812,000

If these levels are acceptable to your Government, this letter and your letter of confirmation shall constitute an agreement amending the June 17, 1977 and January 6, 1978 bilateral textile agreements between our two Governments.

Sincerely,
/S/Robert Hormats
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Economic and Business Affairs

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ROMANIAN LETTER

September 11, 1978

Mr. Robert Hormats
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Economic and Business Affairs
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Hormats,

I refer to your letter of July 27, 1978 dealing with new consultation levels in categories 340, 352, 635, 647 and 659, in answer to our letter of June 24, 1978.

Please be informed that Romanian authorities are accepting the new consultation levels for the above mentioned categories, as they are outlined in your letter of July 27, 1978.

Consequently your letter dated July 27, 1978 and the present letter of confirmation, are accordingly amending the June 17, 1977 and January 6, 1978 bilateral textile agreements between our two Governments.

Sincerely.

/S/ Napoleon Fodor
Economic Counsellor

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