

GENERAL AGREEMENT  
ON TARIFFS AND  
TRADE

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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 letter received from the United States mission correcting certain errors in the short reasoned statement previously communicated with respect to the above agreement.

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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 lettre, reproduite ci-après, qui corrige certaines erreurs figurant dans le bref exposé des motifs communiqué précédemment au sujet de l'accord susmentionné.



THE REPRESENTATIVE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
TO THE  
EUROPEAN OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
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The Honorable  
Ambassador Paul Wurth  
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is to inform you that paragraph 2 of page 2 of the short reasoned statement accompanying the United States notification of a recent amendment to the United States-Romania cotton textile bilateral agreement (circulated to the TSB as TEX.SB/351 of December 7, 1978) is in error in two points.

The overshipments mentioned in paragraph 2 of page 2 of the reasoned statement were, primarily, the result of classification errors between cotton apparel falling within categories 334 (other coats mens and boys) and category 338 (knit shirts mens and boys). Romania had been shipping zippered sweatshirts as being in category 338 which has a conversion factor of 7.2 syds. equiv. per dozen whereas this item is properly classified in category 334 which has a conversion factor of 41.3 syds. equivalent per dozen. This discrepancy resulted in substantial overshipments in category 334 and, ultimately, to an embargo on this category.

In consultations leading to the subject amendment, the parties agreed to reduce the designated consultative level for category 338 by 150,000 dozen for the first agreement year and by 200,000 dozen for each of the second, third, fourth and fifth agreement years.


The equivalent yardage (measured by the category 334 conversion factor) thus taken from category 338 was transferred to the designated consultation level for category 334. Converted to yardage (at 41.3 syds. equiv.) the transfer increased the designated consultation level of category 334 for the first agreement year by 6,195,000 syds. equiv. which, when added to the previously existing level of 1,500,000, becomes 7,695,000 syds. equiv.

In order to avoid penalizing Romania excessively in terms of charges to the apparel group limit, it was agreed that category 334 would be set up as an independent category outside the apparel group and that a compensating downward modification of the group limit would be effected.

Lastly, the reasoned statement asserts that "in the original agreement categories 334 and 338 were subject to the general cotton apparel consultation level of 700,000 syds. equiv." This is in error. Category 334 was subject to a designated consultative level of 1,500,000 syds. equiv. and category 338 subject to a designated consultation level of 3,240,000 syds. equiv.

I would appreciate the circulation of this letter as an addendum to TEX.SB/351.

Sincerely,



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