

GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND
TRADE

ACCORD GENERAL SUR
LES TARIFS DOUANIERS
ET LE COMMERCE

CONFIDENTIAL
TEX.SB/352
7 December 1978

Textiles Surveillance Body

Organe de surveillance des textiles

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Articles 7 and 8

Note by the Chairman

The attached notification received from the United States mission concerns an amendment to the bilateral textile agreement¹ concluded between the United States and a non-participating country. This notification has been made bearing in mind the request by the Textiles Committee that agreements concluded with, or actions taken against, non-participants should be notified.

¹For original agreement see COM.TEX/SB/342.

ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Notification conformément aux articles 7 et 8

Note du Président

La Mission des Etats-Unis a fait parvenir au secrétariat la notification ci-jointe relative à une modification de l'accord bilatéral sur le commerce des textiles¹ conclu entre les Etats-Unis et un pays non participant. Cette notification répond à la demande du Comité des textiles que les accords passés avec des non-participants, ou les mesures prises à l'égard de ces pays, lui soient notifiés.

¹Pour le texte de l'accord initial voir COM.TEX/SB/342.

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The Honorable
Ambassador Paul Wurth
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to the provisions of Articles 7 and 8 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I am instructed by my government to inform the TSB of the amendment of the bilateral textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of China. The original agreement was notified to the TSB and circulated to the Textiles Committee as COM.TEX/SB/342 of 14 July 1978.

The amendments, effected by an exchange of Notes on November 1, 1978: (a) establish specific limits for category 331 (cotton gloves and mittens) for each of the five agreement years; (b) establishes a specific limit for category 645/646 (man-made fiber sweaters) for the second agreement year at the same level as in effect for the first agreement year and makes certain provisions for flexibilities applicable to this category; (c) effects a reduction in the specific limit for category 639 (man-made knit shirts and blouses, women's, girls' and infants') for the second agreement year -- see Annex B of the original agreement; (d) increases the limit for category 638 (man-made fiber knit shirts, men's and boys') for the first agreement year subject to adjustments for flexibilities and overshipments; and, (e) establishes provisions for exceeding first agreement year consultation levels in four categories -- 317, 320, 659 and 669.

Attached hereto is State Department Press Release No. 419 of November 9, 1978, which sets forth the full texts of the exchange of Notes giving effect to the amendments.

Sincerely,

Harry M. Phelan, Jr.
Minister Counselor

Attachment:
As stated

November 9, 1978

No. 419

UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC
OF CHINA AMEND TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and the Republic of China exchanged notes on November 1, 1978 to amend the existing bilateral textile agreement. The texts of the notes follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE

November 1, 1978

His Excellency
James C. H. Shen
Chinese Ambassador

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, with Annexes (hereinafter referred to as the Arrangement), done at Geneva on December 20, 1973, and extended by protocol done at Geneva on December 14, 1977, and to the agreement of June 8, 1978 (the "Agreement"), between the Government of the Republic of China and the Government of the United States of America, concerning trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products.

I have also the honor to refer to discussions between representatives of the Government of the Republic of China and the Government of the United States of America in Taipei from July 31 through August 4, 1978, concerning exports to the United States of America of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products from the Republic of China. As a result of these discussions, 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. Category 331, Cotton Gloves and Mittens, shall be subject to a Specific Limit. Annex B of the Agreement is amended by the insertion of the following Category, Description, Units and Specific Limits immediately following the heading "Group II":

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"Category	Units Dozen Pair
331 Cotton Gloves and Mittens	
1st year	428,571
2nd year	441,428
3rd year	454,671
4th year	468,311
5th year	482,360".

Subparagraph 7(a) of the Agreement is amended by inclusion of Category 331 in the group of Categories which may be exceeded by not more than 6 percent.

2. Annex B of the Agreement is further amended to provide that the Specific Limit for the second Agreement Year for Category 645/646, MMF Sweaters, shall be 3,785,919 dozens. During the second Agreement Year, the Specific Limit for Category 645/646 may be exceeded, pursuant to paragraph 7 of the Agreement, by 3 percent, and pursuant to the Carry Forward provisions of paragraph 8 of the Agreement, by 5.65 percent; all other provisions of paragraphs 7 and 8 of the Agreement remain unchanged by this paragraph. Computation of adjustments pursuant to this paragraph and paragraphs 7 and 8 of the Agreement shall be based on a Specific Limit of 4,027,573 dozens for Category 645/646 for the Second Agreement Year.

3. Annex B of the Agreement is amended to provide that the Specific Limit for Category 639, MMF Knit Shirts and Blouses, WG&I, for the first Agreement Year shall be 4,605,431 dozens.

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4. During the first Agreement Year, the maximum permissible level of exports to the United States of America for Category 638, MMF Knit Shirts, M&B, shall be 1,900,000 dozen, including (a) all adjustments to the Specific Limit for Category 638 permitted under the Agreement, and (b) charges of 31,760 dozens for shipments of Mens and Boys MMF Knit Shirts during 1977.

5. Pursuant to Paragraph 5 of the Agreement, the Government of the United States of America agrees that exports in the following categories may exceed the Consultation Levels stated in the Agreement by the following amounts during the first Agreement Year.

Category	Amount in Excess of Stated Consultation Level (SYE)
317 Twill and Sateen	2,834,935
320 Other Fabric	2,000,000
659 Other Apparel	2,600,000
669 Sub, Fish Netting	145,000

The Consultation Levels for Subcategory 669 Sub, Fish Netting, for the second and succeeding Agreement Years shall be established during consultations prior to the end of the first Agreement Year.

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

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

For the Secretary of State:

/S/ William Barraclough

November 1, 1978

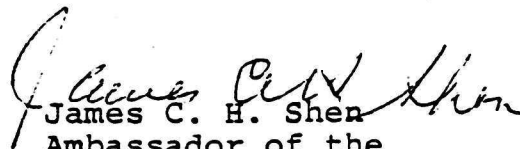
The Honorable Cyrus R. Vance
Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's note of today's date, containing a proposed amendment to the agreement on the exports of cotton, wool, and man-made fiber textiles from the Republic of China to the United States of America, signed June 8, 1978 between our two Governments.

I wish to confirm, pursuant to instructions, that the Government of the Republic of China accepts the proposed amendment as contained in your note mentioned above and agrees that your note and this note of confirmation shall constitute a part of the Agreement between our two Governments.

I renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.


James C. H. Shen
Ambassador of the
Republic of China
