

GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND
TRADE

ACCORD GENERAL SUR
LES TARIFS DOUANIERS
ET LE COMMERCE

CONFIDENTIAL
TEX.SB/372
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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 Hong Kong

Note by the Chairman

The attached notification received from the United States mission concerns a further amendment to the existing bilateral agreement¹, as amended, between the United States and Hong Kong.

¹For original agreement and amendment see COM.TEX/SB/321 and TEX.SB/355 which is still pending review by the TSB.

ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Notification conformément à l'article 4:4

Modification de l'accord bilatéral entre
les Etats-Unis et Hong-kong

Note du Président

La Mission des Etats-Unis a fait parvenir au secrétariat la notification ci-jointe relative à une nouvelle modification qui a été apportée à l'accord bilatéral¹, déjà modifié, entre les Etats-Unis et Hong-kong.

¹Pour le texte initial de l'accord et la première modification qui lui avait été apportée, voir les documents COM.TEX/SB/321 et TEX.SB/355; ce dernier reste à examiner par l'OST.

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The Honorable
 Ambassador Paul Wurth
 Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
 G.A.T.T.
 154, rue de Lausanne
 CH-1211 Geneva 21

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to paragraph 4 of Article 4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I am instructed by my government to inform the TSB 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 Hong Kong. The original agreement was notified and subsequently circulated as COM.TEX/SB/321 of 10 May 1978.

The purpose of the present amendment was: (a) agreement between the parties to split merged category 338/339 (cotton shirts and blouses, knit) into two new categories by setting up a separate category for cotton tank tops (as Category 338/339 - tank tops), said tank tops having previously been the cause of many classification difficulties for both Hong Kong and the U.S.; and, (b) to set up specific limits for categories 443 and 640, both of which were subject to consultation level procedures.

Attached hereto is a copy of State Department Press Release No. 454 setting forth full texts of the Note exchange giving effect to the amendment.

Sincerely,

Harry M. Phelan, Jr.
 Harry M. Phelan, Jr.
 Minister Counselor

Enclosure:
As stated

PRESS DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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UNITED STATES AND HONG KONG AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Hong Kong exchanged letters dated November 13, 1978 and November 24, 1978 to amend the existing bilateral textile agreement. The texts of the letters follow:

UNITED STATES LETTER

November 13, 1978

The Honorable
D. H. Jordan, C.M.G., M.B.E., J.P.
Director of Trade, Industry and Customs
Trade Industry and Customs Department
Ocean Centre, Room 1501, 15/F
Canton Road
Kowloon

Dear Mr. Jordan:

I have the honor to refer to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Hong Kong relating to trade in cotton, wool, and man-made fiber textiles, with annexes, of August 8, 1977, (hereinafter called the Agreement). That the Agreement be amended as follows:

1. Paragraph 6 of the Agreement is amended by the deletion, from the first proviso, of the phrase "cotton shirts and blouses, knit (merged cat. 338/339)" and the insertion in its place of the following: "cotton tank tops (merged cat. 338/339 - tank tops), cotton shirts and blouses other than tank tops, knit (merged cat. 338/339 - other)".
2. Paragraph 11 of the Agreement is amended by inserting the following subparagraph and redesignating subparagraph 11(C) as 11(D). "(C) merged category 338/339 is divided into two categories, respectively "cotton tank tops (338/339-tank tops)" and "cotton shirts and blouses other than tank tops, knit (338/339 - other)."

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3. Annex A to the Agreement is amended by (A) deleting the designation "knit shirts and blouses (338/339)" and substituting in its place the designation "cotton shirts and blouses other than tank tops, knit (338/339 - other)" and, (B) inserting above the designation, units and specified limits for "cotton shirts and blouses other than tank tops, knit (338/339 - other)" the following new designation, unit and specified limits:

Tank Tops (338/339 - Tank Tops) Doz.

1st Year Units 1,699,999	2nd Year Units 1,750,999	3rd Year Units 1,803,529
4th Year Units 1,857,635	5th Year Units 1,913,364	

4. Annex A to the Agreement is further amended by inserting at the appropriate places the following designations, units and specified limits for categories 443 and 640:

"Suits, M and B (443) Nos.

1st Year Units 99,000 nos.	2nd Year Units 99,990	3rd Year Units 100,990
4th Year Units 102,000	5th Year Units 103,020	

Shirts, Not Knit (640) Doz.

1st Year Units 690,000	2nd Year Units 721,050	3rd Year Units 753,497
4th Year Units 787,405	5th Year Units 822,838"	

5. Accept, Sir, the renewal of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,
/S/ Thomas P. Shoemith
Consul General

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HONG KONG LETTER

24 November 1978

Mr. Thomas P. Shoesmith
Consul-General
Consulate General of the
United States of America,
26 Garden Road
Hong Kong

Dear Mr. Shoesmith,

I refer to your letter to Mr. D. H. Jordan of 13 November 1978 proposing certain amendments to the Textile Agreement of 8 August 1977 between the Government of Hong Kong and the Government of the United States. I confirm that the proposed amendments are acceptable to the Hong Kong Government.

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

Yours sincerely,
/S/ W. Dorward
Acting Director of Trade
Industry and Customs