

GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND
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ACCORD GENERAL SUR
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ET LE COMMERCE

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TEX.SB/430
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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 Singapore

Note by the Chairman

The attached notification received from the United States Mission concerns a further amendment to the bilateral agreement¹ covering certain textile products between the United States and Singapore.

¹For details of the agreement and previous amendment see COM.TEX/SB/399 and 400.

ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL
DES TEXTILES

Notification conformément à l'article 4:4

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

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 sur certains produits textiles, conclu entre les Etats-Unis et Singapour.

¹Pour le détail de l'accord et de la modification précédente, voir les documents COM.TEX/SB/399 et 400.

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UNITED STATES MISSION TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
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The Honorable
 Ambassador Paul Wurth
 Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
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B. ERP

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 a further amendment of the bilateral cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile agreement, as amended and extended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Singapore. The basic agreement was notified to the TSB on December 4, 1978, and has been circulated as COM.TEX/SB/399. An earlier amendment to this agreement was notified to the TSB on January 8, 1979, and has been circulated as COM.TEX/SB/400.

The amendment now being notified establishes new consultation levels for three categories for the 1979 agreement year. These new levels are the result of consultations stemming from a request by the Government of the Republic of Singapore to increase the levels concerned.

The categories and levels are:

| | <u>Level for 1978 Agreement Year</u> | <u>Level for 1979 Agreement Year</u> |
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| Category 320 (cotton fabric) | 1,000,000 square yards equivalent (SYE) | 8,000,000 SYE |
| Category 341 (cotton blouses) | 700,000 SYE | 800,000 SYE |
| Category 641 (man-made fiber blouses) | 809,000 SYE | 1,000,000 SYE |

Attached hereto is a copy of State Department Press Release No. 168 of July 11, 1979, setting forth the full texts of the exchange of Notes giving effect to the amendment.

Sincerely,


Robert E. Shepherd

Enclosure:
As stated

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

July 11, 1979
No. 168

UNITED STATES AND SINGAPORE AMEND TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Singapore exchanged notes dated May 31, 1978 and June 20, 1979 to amend the existing bilateral textile agreement. The texts of the notes follow:

U.S. NOTE

May 31, 1979

His Excellency
Punch Coomaraswamy
Ambassador of the Republic of Singapore

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the agreement between the United States of America, and the Republic of Singapore Relating to Trade in Cotton, Wool, and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Apparel Products, with annexes, done at Washington September 22, 1978 as amended (the Agreement).

I have the honor to propose, on behalf of my government, the following new consultation levels for the current agreement year:

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| Category 320 | 8,000,000 Square Yards Equivalent |
| Category 341 | 800,000 Square Yards Equivalent |
| Category 641 | 1,000,000 Square Yards Equivalent |

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Republic of Singapore, this note and Your Excellency's note of confirmation on behalf of the Republic of Singapore shall constitute an agreement amending the Agreement.

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

For the Acting Secretary of State

/S/ William Barraclough

SINGAPORE NOTE

June 20, 1979

His Excellency Cyrus Vance
Secretary of State
Washington, DC

Excellency:

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's communication of 31 May 1979 proposing the following new consultation levels for the current agreement year:

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|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| Category 320 | 8,000,000 Square Yards Equivalent |
| Category 341 | 800,000 Square Yards Equivalent |
| Category 641 | 1,000,000 Square Yards Equivalent |

I have further the honour to confirm that Your Excellency's proposal is acceptable to my Government and Your Excellency's communication and this communication in reply thereto shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

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

Punch Coomaraswamy
Ambassador