

GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND
TRADE

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ET LE COMMERCE

CONFIDENTIAL
TEX.SB/462
17 October 1979

Textiles Surveillance Body

Organe de surveillance des textiles

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 8:4

United States/Sri Lanka: Agreement on
an export visa system

Note by the Chairman

Attached hereto is a communication received from the United States pursuant to the provisions of Article 8:4. The notification relates to an agreement concluded between the United States and Sri Lanka for the establishment of an export visa system for textile exports to the United States from Sri Lanka. The agreement does not contain any restraints or consultation procedures.

ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Notification conformément à l'article 8, paragraphe 4

Etats-Unis/Sri Lanka: accord relatif à un système de
visas à l'exportation

Note du Président

Les Etats-Unis ont fait parvenir au secrétariat la communication ci-jointe, en application des dispositions de l'article 8, paragraphe 4. Cette notification concerne un accord conclu entre les Etats-Unis et Sri Lanka en vue de l'institution d'un système de visas pour les exportations de produits textiles de Sri Lanka à destination des Etats-Unis. L'accord ne prévoit ni limitations ni procédures de consultation.

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UNITED STATES MISSION TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND


October 3, 1979

Mr. Michel Salib
Special Projects Section
G.A.T.T.
154, rue de Lausanne
CH-1211 Geneva

Dear Michel:

Per our conversation, I am resubmitting the U.S.-Sri Lanka agreement with reference to Article 8(4). Please return the previous submission at your convenience.

Sincerely,


Robert E. Shepherd

Enclosures:
As stated

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UNITED STATES MISSION TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

October 3, 1979

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 the provisions of Paragraph 4 of Article 8 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I am instructed by my government to inform the Textiles Surveillance Body of an agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Sri Lanka to establish a visa system for exports to the United States of cotton, wool and man-made fiber apparel manufactured in Sri Lanka.

Attached hereto is an exchange of letters giving effect to this agreement.

Sincerely,

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Robert E. Shepherd
Robert E. Shepherd

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March 12, 1979

44 Galle Road
Colombo 3, Sri Lanka

Mr. T. Wijayapala Mendis
Minister of Textile Industries
Independence Square
Colombo 7

Dear Mr. Minister:

You will recall that during the recent visit of the U.S. Textile Delegation to Sri Lanka, Ambassador Michael B. Smith suggested a method to help eliminate the possible misuse of "Made in Sri Lanka" labels by garment manufacturers in other countries. Consequently, I wish to propose on behalf of my Government that the following visa system be established for exports to the United States of America of cotton, wool and man-made fiber apparel manufactured in Sri Lanka:

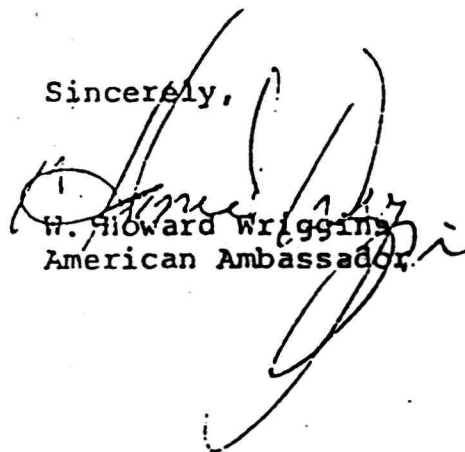
1. Each shipment shall be accompanied by an export visa issued by the Government of Sri Lanka. The export visa will be signed by an authorized official of the Government of Sri Lanka and will appear as a stamped marking in blue ink on the front of the Special Customs Invoice Form 5515, successor document or commercial invoice when such form is used.
2. The names and facsimile signatures of the officials authorized to issue export visas will be supplied by the Government of Sri Lanka. The Government of Sri Lanka will notify the Government of the United States of America of any changes of authorized officials, and will provide facsimiles of newly authorized officials' signatures. A minimum number of officials will be authorized to issue visas and certifications.
3. Shipments not accompanied by a valid visa in accordance with this letter, after the effective date of this requirement, shall be denied entry by the Government of the United States of America except upon specific request of the Government of Sri Lanka.

4. The United States Government shall publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER this visa system upon receipt of the authorized visa stamp and signatures from the Government of Sri Lanka. The visa stamp will be similar to the sample attached to this letter. The visa system will become effective 30 days after the date of publication for shipments exported from Sri Lanka on and after that date and 90 days after the date of publication for shipments exported from Sri Lanka before that date.
5. Either Government may terminate, in whole or in part, this administrative arrangement by giving 90 days written notice thereof to the other.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to your Government, this letter and your letter of acceptance on behalf of the Government of Sri Lanka shall constitute an administrative arrangement between our two Governments.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,


W. Howard Wriggins
American Ambassador

Attachment:
as noted above

cc: Mr. Lalith Athulathmudali,
Minister of Trade

Mr. N. Balasubramaniam,
Director of West Division,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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TEXTILE EXPORT VISA

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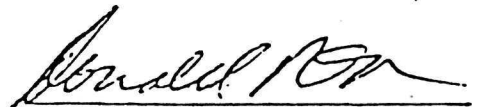
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REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA)
CITY OF COLOMBO)
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED) ss
STATES OF AMERICA)

I, the undersigned consular officer of the United States of America, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and faithful copy of the original this day exhibited to me, the same having been carefully examined by me and compared with the said original and found to agree therewith word for word and figure for figure.

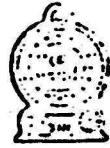
IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Embassy at Colombo, Sri Lanka this 12th day of March, 1979.



Donald R. Ness
American Vice Consul

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His Excellency W. Howard Higgins,
American Ambassador,
American Embassy,
Colombo.

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

I refer to your letter dated 12th March, 1979 proposing the visa system which should be adopted regarding exports to the U.S.A., of cotton, wool and man-made fibre apparel manufactured in Sri Lanka. Your proposal is acceptable to me subject to the proposed visa stamp carrying the words "Ministry of Textile Industries" in the bottom half of the circle of the stamp corresponding to the words "Government of Sri Lanka" on top.

I shall convey to you within the next few days the names and facsimile signatures of the officials who will be authorised to issue these export visas along with a revised version of the visa stamp incorporating the amendment I have suggested. Once this is received, you could convey it to your government, so that, this could be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER and this system could thereafter come into operation in terms of item 4 of your letter under reference.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(WIMALA MENDIS).
Minister of Textile Industries.

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Independence Square, Colombo 7.

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The names, designations and signatures of the two officers authorised to issue export visas are given below. The stamp which will be placed on the Special Customs Invoice Form 5515, successor document or commercial invoice is also given.

1. Miss. P.G. Peiris,
Asst. Secretary(Exports)I,
Ministry of Textile Industries,
Torrington Square, Colombo 7.

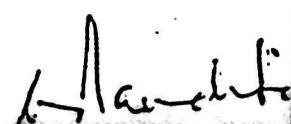

Signature.

2. Mr. D. P. Balachandra,
Asst. Secretary(Exports)II,
Ministry of Textile Industries,
Torrington Square, Colombo 7.


Signature.



CERTIFIED.


(VINCENT P. P.)