

GENERAL AGREEMENT  
ON TARIFFS AND  
TRADE

ACCORD GENERAL SUR  
LES TARIFS DOUANIERS  
ET LE COMMERCE

CONFIDENTIAL  
TEX.SB/480  
19 November 1979

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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 Korea

Note by the Chairman

The attached notification received from the United States Mission concerns a further amendment to the bilateral agreement<sup>1</sup>, covering certain textile products, between the United States and Korea.

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<sup>1</sup>For details of the original agreement and previous amendments, see COM.TEX/SB/329, 341 and 414.

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ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Notification conformément à l'article 4, paragraphe 4

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

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 bilatéral<sup>1</sup> sur certains produits textiles, conclu entre les Etats-Unis et la Corée.

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<sup>1</sup>Pour le détail de l'accord initial et les modifications précédentes, voir les documents COM.TEX/SB/329, 341 et 414.

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The Honorable  
 Ambassador Paul Wurth  
 Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body  
 G.A.T.T.  
 154, rue de Lausanne  
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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 Textiles Surveillance Body of the further amendment of the cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Korea. The original bilateral agreement and prior amendments have been notified and circulated as COM.TEX/SB/329, 341 and 414.

This latest amendment: (1) modifies a number of designated consultation levels and specific limits; (2) increases the flexibility provisions for the two sub-categories of Category 640 (man-made fiber shirts); and (3) establishes a special procedure for dealing with that portion of Category 627 which consists of "laminated fabric of man-made fiber woven strips."

The changes in consultation levels for the categories concerned can be easily ascertained from the following table:

Consultation Levels

<u>Category</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Original Agreement (CY 78)</u>	<u>This Amendment (CY 79)</u>
336 Cotton Dresses	Doz.	30,256	44,150
351 Cotton Nightwear	Doz.	38,462	79,923
605 Cordage (TSUSA 316.6020)	Lbs.	1,303,951	1,428,171
612 Man-made Fiber Fabric	SYE	19,000,000	21,000,000

<u>Category</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Original Agreement (CY 78)</u>	<u>This Amendment (CY 79)</u>
649 Man-made Fiber Trousers - WGl	Doz.	218,750	240,625
651 Man-made Fiber Dressing Gowns	Doz.	28,846	60,000
652 Man-made Fiber Nightwear	Doz.	437,500	337,500
669 "Other" Man-made Fiber Manufacturers	Lbs.	2,100,000	2,243,590
(Fishnets)	Lbs.	(250,357)	(320,513)
(Tents)	Lbs.	(1,410,256)	(1,538,462)

Comparison of the new and modified specific limits established by this amendment with those of the original agreement as amended can best be made by comparing the levels set out in paragraph 2 of this amendment with those set out in Annexes B and C of the original agreement (COM.TEX/SB/329). This comparison will show that Categories 338/339 (Cotton Knit Tops) and 341 (Cotton Blouses) have been changed from consultation levels (Annex C) to Specific Limits (Annex B); that the specific limits for Categories 633/634/635 (Man-made Fiber Coats) and 638/639 have been increased slightly; and that the specific limit for Category 645/646 (Man-made Fiber Sweaters) has been reduced slightly.

Attached hereto are copies of the notes giving effect to this amendment.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd

Enclosure:  
As stated

EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Seoul, August 24, 1979

No. 323

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the Agreement of December 23, 1977, regarding Trade in Cotton, Wool, and Man-made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products, with Annexes, as amended and corrected, between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Korea (the Agreement), and to consultations between representatives of the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Korea in Seoul on January 29 - February 1, 1979 and in Washington on February 26 - March 3, 1979 pursuant to paragraphs 6 and 20(a) of the Agreement.

On the basis of those consultations 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. Annex C to the Agreement is amended by changing the consultation levels for the 1979 agreement year for the following categories to the amounts set out below.

336	44,150 DOZ.
351	76,923 DOZ.
(605 cordage--TSUSA 316.6020)	1,428,171 LBS.
612	21,000,000 SYE.
649	240,625 DOZ.
651	60,000 DOZ.
652	337,500 DOZ.
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Annex C to the Agreement is amended by the deletion of categories 338/339 and 341.

His Excellency

Park Tong Jin,

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the  
Republic of Korea

2. Annex B is amended to include the following new and changed specific limits.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>2nd Year</u>	<u>3rd Year</u>	<u>4th Year</u>	<u>5th Year</u>
338/339	Knit Tops	DOZ.	444,444	473,333	504,099	536,866
341	Blouses	DOZ.	89,655	95,486	101,689	108,299
633/634/635	Coats	DOZ.	1,248,442	1,297,131	1,347,719	1,400,280
635	Coats (WG and I)	DOZ.	551,558	573,069	595,418	618,640
638/639	Knit Tops	DOZ.	4,972,238	5,166,155	5,367,635	5,576,973
645/646	Sweaters	DOZ.	2,896,114	3,009,062	3,126,416	3,248,346

3. In addition to the adjustments permitted under paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Agreement, beginning in the second agreement year and for the duration of the Agreement, during each agreement year the specific limit for either category 640 (Dress Shirts) or category 640 (Other Shirts) may be exceeded by an amount up to 10 percent of the specific limit for that category provided that the specific limit for the other category (as adjusted pursuant to paragraphs 8 and 9) is decreased by an equal amount.

4. Exports from the Republic of Korea to the United States of America of laminated fabric of man-made fiber woven strips, included within category 627, shall not exceed 5 million square yards equivalent during the second agreement year; the consultation level for all other products included in category 627 for the second agreement year shall be one million square yards equivalent. During the third and subsequent agreement years, laminated fabric of man-made fiber strips shall not be subject to quantitative limits under the Agreement; notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 15 of the Agreement, the United States of America maintains its rights under Article 3 of the arrangement (as defined in the Agreement) with respect to laminated fabric of man-made fiber strips. During the term of the Agreement, the Government of the Republic of Korea will continue to issue visas for exports of such laminated fabric to the United States and will promptly, on a monthly basis, provide statistics on such visa issuance to the Government of the United States of America.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Korea, this note and your Excellency's note of confirmation on

behalf of the Government of the Republic of Korea shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments.

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

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REPUBLIC OF KOREA )  
 SPECIAL CITY OF SEOUL )  
 EMBASSY OF THE ) s. s.  
 UNITED 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 copy this day exhibited to me, the same having been carefully examined by me and compared with the said original copy 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 of the United States of America at Seoul, Korea, this  
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*Robert C. Porter, Jr.*  
 Robert C. Porter, Jr.  
 American Vice Consul

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
REPUBLIC OF KOREA

24 August 1979

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Note of today's date which reads as follows:

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His Excellency  
William H. Gleysteen Jr.  
Ambassador of the  
United States of America  
Seoul

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I have further the honour to inform Your Excellency that the foregoing amendment proposals are acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Korea and to confirm that Your Excellency's Note and this Note in reply thereto constitute an Agreement between our two Governments in this matter, which enters into force on the date of this reply.

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



Y. J. Park

Minister of Foreign Affairs