

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Bilateral Agreement between the United States and the Maldives

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from the United States a notification of a new bilateral agreement covering wool sweaters (Category 445/6) with the Maldives, concluded under Article 4 of the MFA, valid for the period 29 September 1982 to 28 September 1985. The agreement replaced measures taken under Article 3:5.

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article 4¹, has examined the relevant documentation and is forwarding the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.

¹See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B

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7 September 1984

United States Letter

Dear Mr. Minister:

I have the honor to refer to the agreement regarding international trade in textiles, hereinafter referred to as "The Arrangement," done at Geneva on December 20, 1973 and as extended by the Protocol adopted on December 22, 1981

I also have the honor to refer to consultations held on September 25 to September 28 between the representatives of the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Maldives concerning exports to the United States of wool sweaters manufactured in the Republic of Maldives. On the basis of these consultations, I have the honor to propose on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, under Articles 4 and 6 and, in conformity with, "The Arrangement," the following agreement relating to trade in wool sweaters between the Republic of Maldives and the United States of America.

1. The term of the Agreement shall be from September 29, 1982 through September 28, 1985. Each "Agreement Year" shall be a twelve-month period, beginning on September 29 and ending on September 28.

2. Wool sweaters covered by this Agreement and the rates of conversion into square yards equivalent are set out in Annex A. The determination of whether a textile-product is of wool shall be made in accordance with the terms of paragraph 4.

3. For purposes of this Agreement, categories 445 and 446 shall be merged as category 445/6 and treated as single category with specific limits as follows:

First	Second	Third
Agreement Year	Agreement Year	Agreement Year
53,000 dozen	53,000 dozen	53,000 dozen

Commencing with the first agreement year, and during each succeeding agreement year, the Government of the Republic of Maldives shall limit annual exports of wool sweaters manufactured in the Maldives to the specific limits set out above, with the total of the three years not to exceed more than 150,000 dozen. Exports are subject to the limit for the agreement year in which they are exported from the Maldives.

4. Textile products listed in Annex A hereto being products which derive their chief characteristics from their textile components of wool or a blend of wool, cotton and/or man-made fiber materials, in which the wool component comprises the chief value of the fibers of 17 per cent or more by weight of the product, are subject to the Agreement.

5. (A) The Government of the United States of America may assist the Government of the Republic of Maldives in implementing the (Export) limitation provisions of the Agreement by controlling imports of the textile product covered by the Agreement. (US import control will be based upon the Date of Export from the Republic of Maldives).

(B) Exports from the Republic of Maldives in excess of authorized limits in any agreement year may be denied entry into the United States. Any such shipments denied entry may be permitted entry into the United States and charged to the applicable limit in the succeeding agreement period.

(C) Exports from the Republic of Maldives in excess of authorized limits in any agreement year will, if allowed entry into the United States, be charged to the applicable limit in the succeeding agreement period.

6. The Government of the United States of America shall promptly supply the Government of the Republic of Maldives with monthly data on imports of wool sweaters covered by this Agreement, and the Government of the Republic of Maldives shall promptly supply the Government of the United States of America with quarterly data on exports of such products to the United States. Each government agrees to supply promptly any other pertinent and readily available statistical data requested by the other government.

7. The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Maldives agree to consult on any question arising in the implementation of this Agreement.

8. The Government of the Republic of Maldives shall use its best efforts to space exports from the Republic of Maldives to the United States of the textile products covered by this Agreement evenly throughout each agreement period, taking into account normal seasonal factors.

9. The Government of the Republic of Maldives and the Government of the United States of America shall cooperate to avoid circumvention of this Agreement.

10. Mutually satisfactory administrative arrangements or adjustments may be made to resolve minor problems arising in the implementation of this Agreement, including differences in procedure or operation.

11. The visa system established for exports to the United States of cotton, wool and man-made fiber apparel from the Republic of Maldives, effective on October 1, 1982, will remain in force subject to paragraph 10.

12. If the Government of the Republic of Maldives considers that, as a result of a limitation specified in this agreement, the Republic of Maldives is being placed in an inequitable position vis-a-vis a third country, the Government of the Republic of Maldives may request consultations with the Government of the United States of America with a view to taking appropriate remedial action such as reasonable modification of the Agreement.

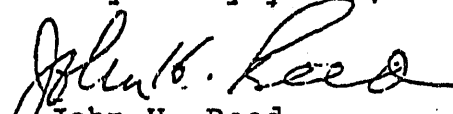
13. For the duration of the agreement, the Government of the United States of America shall not invoke the procedure of Article 3 of "The Arrangement" to request restraints on exports from the Maldives of textile products covered by Annex A of the Agreement.

14. Either Government may terminate the Agreement effective at the end of any agreement year by written notice to the other government to be given at least ninety days prior to the end of such agreement year. Either government may at any time propose revisions in the terms of the Agreement.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Maldives, this letter and your letter of acceptance on behalf of the Government of the Republic of

Maldives shall constitute an Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Maldives and the Government of the United States of America, effective from September 29, 1982.

Very truly yours,



John H. Reed

Enclosure: Annex A

Honorable Fathulla Jameel,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Republic of Maldives

ANNEX I

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>FACTOR</u>	<u>MEASURE</u>
445	Wool Sweaters, M and B	14.88	Dozen
446	Wool Sweaters, W, G and I	14.88	Dozen

19 September 1984

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's letter dated 7 September 1984, which reads as follows:

United States Letter

I have further the honour to confirm on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Maldives, the foregoing proposal and to agree that your letter and this letter shall constitute an Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Maldives and the Government of the United States of America, effective from 29 September 1982.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours truly,

(signed) Fathulla Jameel

Enclosure: Annex A

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