

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Articles 7 and 8

Visa Procedures between the United States and Uruguay

The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from the United States of an administrative arrangement concerning visa procedures for exports of textile products from Uruguay to the United States.¹

The TSB is transmitting the text of the notification under Articles 7 and 8 for the information of participating countries.

¹ A selective bilateral agreement and an amendment are contained in COM.TEX/SB/973 and 1022

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October 12, 1984

UNITED STATES AND URUGUAY
ESTABLISH VISA ARRANGEMENT

The United States and Uruguay established an administrative arrangement between the two Governments concerning visa procedures relating to shipments of textile products to the United States by exchange of notes in Montevideo on August 24 and September 13, 1984. Texts of the notes follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE

Montevideo
August 24, 1984

His Excellency
Dr. Carlos Alberto Maeso
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Montevideo

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of Uruguay relating to trade in certain textile products ratified by an exchange of notes on January 23, 1984 ("the agreement").

On behalf of my Government I propose the following administrative arrangement between our two Governments:

1. Each shipment of textile products subject to the terms of the agreement and not covered by Paragraphs 3 or 4 of this note shall be vised by your Government before entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption in the United States ("entry").

2. A shipment shall be vised or certified by the placing of original stamped markings (the visa or certification) in blue ink on the front of the invoice (special Customs Invoice Form 5515, successor document, or commercial invoice when such form is used). Each visa and certification will include its number and date and the signature of the issuing official, and state the correct categories and quantities in the shipment in applicable category units.

3. Any shipment which is exempt from the quantitative levels of the agreement shall be certified as exempt by your Government prior to the shipment leaving Uruguay. Exemption shall be based upon the provisions of the agreement.

The basis of exemption shall be stated on the certification such as by use of the description "250 dollars or less". A visa will not be issued for shipments of certified exempt items.

4. Merchandise for the personal use of the importer and not for resale does not require a visa or certification for entry.

5. Your Government shall provide my Government each month with a list of all shipments visaed or certified exempt by your Government during the previous month. The list shall contain the following information for each shipment: category or description of exemption, units, quantity, value, and date of export.

6. Your Government shall give my Government originals in duplicate of the visa and certification stamped markings and the signature of each official authorized to issue and sign them. Any change to the stamped markings must be approved by my Government prior to its use, to be effective 60 days after approval. Your Government shall notify my Government of any changes of authorized officials and shall provide originals in duplicate as appropriate. A

maximum number of five officials shall be authorized.

7. Except as provided in Paragraph 4 of this note, any shipment which is not accompanied by a valid and correct visa or certification in accordance with the foregoing provisions shall be denied entry by my Government unless your Government authorizes the entry and any charges to agreement levels. The foregoing notwithstanding, if the quantity indicated on the visa is more than that of the shipment, entry shall be permitted despite the inaccuracy.

8. The visa number shall be of 9 digits and letters; beginning with one digit for the last digit of the year of export, the letters "UR" and a six digit serial number identifying the shipment.

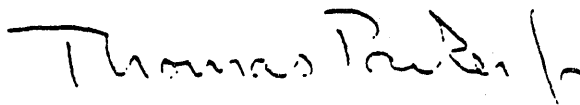
9. This arrangement shall be effective for exports made on or after November 1, 1984.

10. Either Government may terminate, in whole or in part, this administrative arrangement by giving ninety days written notice to the other.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Uruguay, this note and your note of acceptance on behalf of your Government shall constitute an administrative arrangement between our two Governments.

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

I certify that this is a true copy of the Note Verbale signed by Richard H. Melton as Chargé d'Affaires ad interim



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Counselor for Economic Affairs

URUGUAY NOTE

Montevideo
13 September 1984

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honor to refer to your Note Verbale No. 295 of August 24, 1984 which contains provisions to regulate the granting of visas or certificates for the textile products included in the agreement subscribed by the Republic of Uruguay and the United States of America.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs wishes to express that the Government of Uruguay agrees to the provisions included in said Note Verbale.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.