

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notifications Under Article 2, Paragraphs 2(ii) and 4

Bilateral Agreement Between the United States and Singapore

Attached is a notification received by the Textiles Surveillance Body from the United States under Article 2, paragraphs 2(ii) and 4 of the Textiles Arrangement concerning an amendment of a bilateral agreement with Singapore. In accordance with paragraph 5 of Article 2, the TSB has reviewed this notification and has found that the agreement is in conformity with the Arrangement. The notification is circulated to countries participating in the Arrangement for their information.

14 April 1975

The Honourable
Ambassador Paul Wurth
Chairman
Textiles Surveillance Board
GATT Annex 2
Palais des Nations
Geneva

Dear Mr. Chairman,

With reference to Article 2, paragraph 2(ii) and paragraph 4, last sentence, of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I am instructed by my Government to notify an amendment of the wool and man-made fibre bilateral textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Singapore.

The purpose of the amendment was to bring into concurrency the agreement years of the cotton textile bilateral agreement and the agreement on wool and man-made fibre textile, thereby placing both agreements on a concurrent calendar year basis.

A new all-fibre agreement has subsequently been negotiated under the provisions of Article 4 of the Arrangement. The new agreement, which will have an effective beginning date of 1 January 1975, will be formalized by an exchange of Notes between the governments concerned within the near future.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Harry M. Phelan, Jr.
Minister Counselor

3 February 1975

UNITED STATES AND SINGAPORE EXTEND TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Singapore agreed to extend the bilateral agreement on trade in cotton textiles between the two countries by exchange of note and letter in Singapore on 3 January 1975 and 13 January 1975. Texts of the note and letter follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE

Singapore, 3 January 1975

Excellency:

I have the honour to refer to the agreement between our Governments on trade in wool and man-made fibre textile products effected by exchange of notes on 30 October 1973 and 29 January 1974. As a result of recent discussions between representatives of our Governments, I propose that the aforementioned agreement be amended as follows:

(1) Add paragraph 16 to read as follows:

"16. (A) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 1-4 hereof, the first period of this agreement shall constitute a fifteen-month period from 1 October 1973 through 31 December 1974. The levels for such fifteen month agreement period are attached hereto as Annex C, which shall replace and supersede Annex A.

(B) Except as modified by Annex C, all other relevant provisions and Annex B of this agreement shall apply for the fifteen-month period."

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 16 of the agreement as amended, the following aggregate and specific limits and consultations levels are established for man-made fibre and wool textile apparel categories during the fifteen-month period from 1 October 1973 through 31 December 1974:

	<u>Square yards equivalent</u>
Aggregate, man-made fibre apparel	156,550,000
Specific category levels:	
219	47,722,500
221	4,671,250
222	33,835,000
224	35,350,000
229	20,200,000

Consultation levels:

216	948,138
218	727,200
228	631,250
234	874,912
235	993,588
240	871,125

All other apparel categories, per category	441,875
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Square yards equivalent

Aggregate, wool apparel	4,133,250
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Specific category levels:

121	1,878,750
122	751,500
125	1,252,500

Consultation levels per category for all other wool apparel categories	125,250
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If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Singapore, this note and Your Excellency's note of acceptance on behalf of the Government of Singapore will constitute an amendment to the agreement between our two Governments.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Edwin M. Cronk
Ambassador

Mr. Hon Sui Sen,
Minister for Finance,
Singapore

SINGAPORE LETTER

13 January 1975

His Excellency
Mr. Edwin M. Cronk
Ambassador
Embassy of the United States of America
in Singapore

Excellency:

I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency's Note No. 546/74 dated 3 January 1975 regarding an amendment to the Agreement between our two Governments on the export of wool and man-made fibre textile products from Singapore to the United States.

I am pleased to advise Your Excellency that my Government accepts the proposed amendment as stated in Your Excellency's Note under reference.

Accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Ngiam Tong Dow
Permanent Secretary
Development Division
Ministry of Finance