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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Amendments to Two Bilateral Agreements Concluded Between the United States and Romania

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from the United States a notification of amendments to its bilateral agreements on cotton textiles, and on wool and man-made fibre textiles concluded with Romania under Article 4 of the Arrangement. The validity of the cotton textiles agreement^{1/} ended 31 December 1977, and that of the wool and man-made fibre textiles^{2/} ends on 31 December 1980.

The TSB pursuant to its procedure regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article 4^{3/}, has examined the relevant documentation and is circulating the text of the notification to the participating countries for their information.

^{1/} For details of the agreement see COM.TEX/SB/129.
^{2/} For details of the agreement see COM.TEX/SB/267.
^{3/} See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

UNITED STATES AND ROMANIA AMEND BILATERAL
TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

The United States and Romania exchanged letters dated 29 July, 22 August, 13 October and 19 October to amend the existing bilateral agreements on trade in cotton, wool and man-made fibre textiles between the two countries. The texts of the letters follow:

UNITED STATES LETTER NO. 1

29 July 1977

Dear Mr. Fodor,

I refer to your letter of 30 May 1977, to Mr. Smith requesting permission to exceed the consultation levels for the third agreement year in several Categories of the bilateral agreement of 2 June 1975, between our two Governments on trade in cotton textiles.

My Government agrees to the requests for permission to exceed the level for Category 34 by 2 million square yards equivalent (SYE) and Category 35 by 1 million SYE. New authorized shipment levels will be 3 million SYE for Category 34 and 2 million SYE for Category 35.

My Government will agree to merge Categories 46 and 47 at a consultation level of 2.2 million SYE for the combined Category. We are unable to grant permission to exceed by the full amount requested because of problems of disruption in the United States market for these products.

If these levels are acceptable to your Government, this letter and your letter of confirmation shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments pursuant to paragraph 3(c) of the bilateral agreement.

Sincerely,

(signed) Paul H. Boeker
Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Economic and Business Affairs

Mr. Napoleon Fodor,
Economic Counselor,
Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Romania,
Office of the Economic Counselor,
573-577 Third Avenue,
New York, N.Y. 10016

ROMANIAN LETTER NO. 1

22 August 1977

Dear Mr. Boeker,

We would like to confirm your letter dated 29 July 1977, regarding some alterations to the cotton agreement.

We entirely agreed with the proposed levels in Categories 34 and 35.

However, we would much appreciate your immediate considering of a minimum 4 million square yards equivalent for the merge Categories 46 and 47 and suggest you to also include in this new merge category the Category 45.

Please be informed that we intend to ship in this merge Category (45, 46 and 47) about 150,000 dozen of flannel shirts.

Thanking you for your kind assistance, we remain

Sincerely yours,

(signed) N. Foder
Economic Counsellor

Mr. Paul H. Boeker,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic
and Business Affairs,
Department of State,
Washington, D.C. 20520

UNITED STATES LETTER NO. 2

13 October 1977

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

I refer to the bilateral textile agreements of 2 June 1975 and 17 June 1977 between our two Governments concerning trade in cotton, wool and man-made fibre textile products, hereinafter called the Agreements. I also refer to the recent requests by your Government to exceed the consultation levels established by the Agreement in several Categories for the current agreement years. Regarding those Categories, my Government is prepared to accept the following level of imports during the applicable current agreement years.

Merged Categories 42, 43 and Part 62 (Tariff Schedule of the United States (TSUS) items 380.0024, 380.0027, 380.0645) - 325,000 dozen using the conversion factor of 7,234 square yards equivalent per dozen

Merged Categories 45, 46 and 47 - 2,900,000 square yards equivalent

Category 51 - 1,065,000 square yards equivalent

Part Category 62 (TSUS items not merged with Categories 42 and 43) - 3,250,000 square yards equivalent

Category 63 - 3,000,000 square yards equivalent

Category 104 - 250,000 square yards equivalent

Category 210 - 2,500,000 square yards equivalent

Category 224 - 5,000,000 square yards equivalent of which not more than 1,500,000 square yards equivalent may be in the TSUSA classifications covering other than athletic suits

Category 238 - 1,065,000 square yards equivalent

His Excellency,
Nicolae M. Nicolae,
Ambassador of the Socialist Republic
of Romania,
1607 23rd St., N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20008

My Government further understands that the Government of Romania will utilize the yardage in Category 219 to ship fabric other than impression fabric covered under TSUS items 338.3014 and 338.3016.

If the foregoing is acceptable to your Government, I propose that this letter and your letter of confirmation will constitute an amendment to the Agreements.

Sincerely,

(signed) William G. Barraclough
Deputy Assistant Secretary for
International Trade Policy

ROMANIAN LETTER NO. 2

19 October 1977

Dear Mr. Barraclough,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 13 October 1977 referring to the acceptance of new levels in several Categories for the current agreement years of the Agreements concerning trade in cotton, wool and man-made fibre textile products.

The levels I would like to confirm as a result of our discussions held in Washington between 27 September-10 October 1977 are as follows:

- Category 42, 43 and Part 62 - 325,000 dozen using the conversion factor of 7,234 square yards equivalent
- Merged Categories 45, 46 and 47 - 2,900,000 square yards equivalent
- Category 51 - 1,065,000 square yards equivalent
- Part Category 62 - 3,250,000 square yards equivalent
- Category 63 - 3,000,000 square yards equivalent
- Category 104 - 250,000 square yards equivalent
- Category 210 - 2,500,000 square yards equivalent
- Category 224 - 5,000,000 square yards equivalent of which not more than 1,500,000 square yards equivalent may be in the classifications covering other than athletic suits
- Category 238 - 1,065,000 square yards equivalent

Mr. William G. Barraclough,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for International
Trade Policy,
Department of State,
Washington, D.C.

Concerning Category 51, I allow myself to inform you that existing contracts between Romanian and United States companies reached the level of 1,800,000 square yards equivalent. As a consequence I would like to ask you to re-examine the level you already conformed and during the negotiations which will take place in Bucharest we will renew our request for an increase up to the above-mentioned level.

Assuring you of my high consideration.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Nicolae M. Nicolae
Ambassador