

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Extensions of an Agreement Between the United States
and India^{1/}

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received notification of three amendments to extend a bilateral cotton textiles agreement between the United States and India, on a short-term basis until 31 December 1977. The agreement was notified under Article 4 of the Arrangement.

The TSB pursuant to its procedure regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article 4^{2/}, has examined the relevant documentation and is circulating the notes affecting the extension, to participating countries for their information.

^{1/} For details of agreement and previous amendments see COM.TEX/SB/116, 158 and 264.

^{2/} See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

The United States and India exchanged notes on 28 September and 29 September 1977 respectively, to amend the existing Bilateral Agreement on Trade in Cotton Textiles between the two countries. The texts of the notes follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE NO. 1

28 September 1977

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles done in Geneva on 20 December 1973 (the "Arrangement"), and to the Agreement on Trade in Cotton Textiles between our two Governments of 6 August 1974, as modified by the exchange of notes of 20 and 22 January 1976 and as further amended by the exchange of notes of 13 June and 17 June 1977 (the "Agreement").

I have also the honour to refer to recent discussions between representatives of our two Governments in Washington and New Delhi. As a result of those discussions, I propose on behalf of my Government that the Agreement be amended as follows:

1. The term of the Agreement shall be extended through 31 October 1977.
2. The agreement year covering the period 1 October 1976 through 30 September 1977, shall be extended to include the period from 1 October 1976 through 31 October 1977. The aggregate limit, the group limits, and each specific limit applicable during the agreement year covering the period 1 October 1976 to 31 October 1977, shall be equal to 108.33 per cent of the corresponding limit applicable during the agreement year ending 30 September 1977, plus 7 per cent of one twelfth of the corresponding limit for the agreement year ending 30 September 1977.
3. For the agreement year covering the period from 1 October 1976 to 31 October 1977, the consultation levels set in sub-paragraph 4(b) of the Agreement shall be 108.33 per cent of the corresponding levels for the agreement year ending 30 September 1977.

His Excellency,
N.A. Palkhivala,
Appointed Ambassador of India.

If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of India, this note and Your Excellency's note of acceptance on behalf of your Government shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, amending the Agreement.

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

For the Secretary of State

(signed) Robert Hormats

INDIAN NOTE NO. 1

29 September 1977

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 28 September 1977, concerning the Agreement on Trade in Cotton Textiles between the United States and India, the text of which is set out below:

(See United States Note No.1)

I confirm on behalf of the Government of India that the above communication correctly sets out the latest procedures agreed upon governing trade in cotton textiles between India and the United States.

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

(signed) N.A. Palkhivala
Ambassador of India

His Excellency,
Mr. Cyrus R. Vance,
Secretary of State,
Department of State,
Washington, D.C.

The United States and India agreed to extend the current Bilateral Agreement on Trade in Cotton Textiles on 28 October 1977. Texts of the notes follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE NO. 2

28 October 1977

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles done in Geneva on 20 December 1973 (the "Arrangement"), and to the Agreement on Trade in Cotton Textiles between our two Governments of 6 August 1974, as modified by the exchange of notes of 20 and 22 January 1976, as amended by the exchange of notes of 13 and 17 June 1977 and as further amended by the exchange of notes of 28 and 29 September 1977.

I have also the honour to refer to recent discussions between representatives of our two Governments in Washington and New Delhi. As a result of those discussions, I propose on behalf of my Government that the Agreement be amended as follows:

1. The term of the Agreement shall be extended through 30 November 1977.
2. The agreement year covering the period 1 October 1976 through 30 September 1977 shall be extended to include the period from 1 October 1976 through 30 November 1977. The aggregate limit, the group limits, and each specific limit applicable during the agreement year covering the period 1 October 1976 to 30 November 1977, shall be equal to 116.67 per cent of the corresponding limit applicable during the agreement year ending 30 September 1977, plus 7 per cent of one sixth of the corresponding limit for the agreement year ending 30 September 1977.
3. For the agreement year covering the period from 1 October 1976 to 30 November 1977, the consultation levels set in sub-paragraph 4(b) of the Agreement shall be 116.67 per cent of the corresponding levels for the agreement year ending 30 September 1977.

His Excellency,
N.A. Palkhivala,
Ambassador of India.

If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of India, this note and Your Excellency's note of acceptance on behalf of your Government shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, amending the Agreement.

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

For the Secretary of State

(signed) William Barraclough

INDIAN NOTE NO. 2

28 October 1977

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 28 October 1977, concerning the Agreement on Trade in Cotton Textiles between the United States and India, the text of which is set out below:

(See United States Note No. 2.)

I confirm on behalf of the Government of India that the above communication correctly sets out the latest procedures agreed upon governing trade in cotton textiles between India and the United States.

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

For the Ambassador of India

(signed) J.N. Dixit
Minister of the Embassy

His Excellency,
Mr. Cyrus R. Vance,
Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

The United States and India agreed on an additional extension of the current Bilateral Agreement on Trade in Cotton Textiles on 29 November 1977. Texts of the notes follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE NO. 3

29 November 1977

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles done in Geneva on 20 December 1973 (the "Arrangement"), and to the Agreement on Trade in Cotton Textiles between our two Governments of 6 August 1974, as modified by the exchange of notes of 20 and 22 January 1976, as amended by the exchanges of notes of 13 and 17 June 1977, 28 and 29 September 1977, and 28 October 1977 (the "Agreement").

I have also the honour to refer to recent discussions between representatives of our two Governments in Washington and New Delhi. As a result of those discussions, I propose on behalf of my Government that the Agreement be amended as follows:

1. The term of the Agreement shall be extended through 31 December 1977.
2. The agreement year covering the period 1 October 1976 through 30 September 1977 shall be extended to include the period from 1 October 1976 through 31 December 1977. The aggregate limit, the group limits, and each specific limit applicable during the agreement year covering the period 1 October 1976 to 31 December 1977, shall be equal to 125 per cent of the corresponding limit applicable during the agreement year ending 30 September 1977, plus 7 per cent of one fourth of the corresponding limit for the agreement year ending 30 September 1977.
3. For the agreement year covering the period from 1 October 1976 to 31 December 1977, the consultation levels set in sub-paragraph 4(b) of the Agreement shall be 125 per cent of the corresponding levels for the agreement year ending 30 September 1977.

His Excellency,
N.A. Palkhivala,
Ambassador of India.

If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of India, this note and Your Excellency's note of acceptance on behalf of your Government shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, amending the Agreement.

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

For the Secretary of State

(signed) Robert Hormats

INDIAN NOTE NO. 3

29 November 1977

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 29 November 1977 concerning the Agreement on Trade in Cotton Textiles between the United States and India, the text of which is set out below:

(See United States Note No. 3.)

I confirm on behalf of the Government of India that the above communication correctly sets out the latest procedures agreed upon governing trade in cotton textiles between India and the United States.

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

For the Ambassador of India

(signed) J.N. Dixit
Minister of the Embassy

His Excellency,
Mr. Cyrus R. Vance,
Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.