

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment to the Bilateral Agreement Between the
United States and Singapore

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification from the United States of an amendment to its bilateral agreement with Singapore, concluded under Article 4 of the Arrangement.^{1/}

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

^{1/}For details of the agreement see COM.TEX/SB/125.

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

UNITED STATES AND SINGAPORE
AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Singapore amended their bilateral textile agreement by letters dated March 29, June 17, November 10 and November 23, 1977. The texts of the letters follow:

UNITED STATES LETTER

November 23, 1977

Mr. K. P. Wong
Second Secretary
Embassy of Singapore
1824 R Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Wong:

I refer to your letter of November 10, 1977 to Mr. John J. St. John requesting permission for the Government of Singapore to allow exports in Category 204 of our bilateral textile agreement to exceed the currently authorized consultation level by an additional 150,000 pounds or 618,000 square yards equivalent in 1977.

I am pleased to confirm to you my Government's agreement to this request. The new authorized consultation level for Category 204 will be 3,118,000 square yards equivalent for the current agreement year.

Sincerely,

/S/ William G. Barraclough
Deputy Assistant Secretary for
International Trade Policy

SINGAPORE LETTER

November 10, 1977

Mr. John St. John
 Chief
 Textiles Division
 Department of State

Dear Mr. St. John:

With reference to Article 8 of the existing bilateral agreement between our two countries on trade in cotton, wool and man-made fibre textile and textile products, we would appreciate your kind consideration to permit us to export an additional 150,000 lbs or 618,000 square yards for Category 204 in 1977. This category is subject to a consultation level. Our quota position is as follows:

1) Utilization rate for Group I as of 31 October 1977	35.7%
2) 1977 quota level for Cat 204	242,718 lbs or 1,000,000 sq. yds.
Additional quantity allocated by your government on 17 June 1977	364,078 lbs or 1,500,000 sq. yds.
Present total quota for Cat. 204	606,796 lbs or 2,500,000 sq. yds.
Utilization rate for Cat 204 as of 9 November 1977	71.0%
Additional requirement for export by December 1977	150,000 lbs or 618,000 sq. yds.

We would be much obliged if you could favourably consider our request.

Yours sincerely,

/S/ K. P. Wong
 Second Secretary

UNITED STATES LETTER

June 17, 1977

Mr. Ram Chandra
First Secretary
Embassy of Singapore
1824 R St. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Chandra:

I refer to your letter of March 29, 1977 to Mr. Charles Angevine requesting permission for the Government of Singapore to allow exports in Category 204 of our bilateral textile Agreement to exceed the consultation level by 1,500,000 square yards equivalent for the current agreement year.

I am pleased to confirm to you my government's agreement to this request. The new authorized shipment level for this Category will be 2,500,000 square yards equivalent for the current agreement year.

Sincerely,

/S/ Paul H. Boeker
Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Economic and Business Affairs

SINGAPORE LETTER

March 29, 1977

Mr. Charles Angevine
Chief
Fibers and Textiles Division
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Angevine:

Referring to Article 8 of the existing bilateral agreement on trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber between our two countries, my Government would appreciate your kind consideration to permit Singapore to export an additional quantity of category 204 in 1977. This category is subject to consultation level. The country quota position as of 15.3.77 is as follows:

Group I Aggregate leve 1977	-	36,080,230 sq. yds.
Total quota allocated	-	12,476,556 sq. yds.
Balance of quota available	-	23,603,674 sq. yds.
Quotal allocated in category 204-		242,718 lbs or 1,000,000 sq. yds.
Additional requirement	-	364,078 lbs or 1,500,000 sq. yds.

I would be much obliged if you could favourably consider our request as we still have an uncommitted balance of 23,603,674 sq. yds. in Group I.

Yours sincerely,

/S/ Ram Chandra
First Secretary