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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4, Paragraph 4

Amendment to the Bilateral Agreement between
the United States and the Philippines

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

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures 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 original agreement and amendments see COM.TEX/SB/154, 266 and 305.

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

7 February 1978

UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and the Republic of the Philippines exchanged notes on 28 December 1977 to amend the existing bilateral textile agreement between the two countries. The texts of the notes follow:

United States Note

28 December 1977

Excellency,

I refer to the bilateral agreement of 15 October 1975 (as amended) on trade in cotton, wool and man-made fibre textiles between our two Governments (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement). I also refer to recent discussions between representatives of our two Governments in Washington, D.C. As a result of these discussions, I propose that the Agreement be further amended, effective 1 January 1978, as follows:

Paragraph 3 is revised to read as follows:

"Within the aggregate limit of 219,415,506 square yards equivalent applicable to the third agreement period, the following group limits shall apply for the third agreement period:

"Group I - Traditional items which are defined as infants' garments up to and including size 6X and classified in categories 335, 336, 337, 341, 342, 348, 352, 359, 636, 637, 641, 642, 646, 648, 652 and 659.

- Square yards equivalent
- 131,184,932.

His Excellency,
José D. Ingles,
Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs,
Department of Foreign Affairs,
Manila.

"Group II - Non-traditional apparel made-up, and miscellaneous manufacturers classified in categories 330-342, 345, 347-352, 359, 360-363, 369, 431-436, 438, 440, 442-448, 459, 464, 465, 469, 630-652, 659, 665, 666 and 669.

- Square yards equivalent
- 88,230,574."

Paragraph 4 is revised to read as follows:

"Within the aggregate limit the Government of the Republic of the Philippines may export, during the third agreement period; up to 20 million square yards equivalent of yarn and fabric (i.e., categories 300, 301, 310-320, 400, 410, 411, 425, 429, 600-605, 610-614, and 625-627); provided, however, that exports in any single cotton and man-made fibre yarn and fabric category may not exceed 3 million square yards equivalent except by mutual agreement by the two Governments, and exports of wool yarn and wool fabric may not exceed 100,000 square yards equivalent per category except by mutual agreement."

Paragraph 5 is revised to read as follows:

"Within the applicable group limit, the following specific limits shall apply for the third agreement period:

Traditional categories

336
636
646
648

Levels

256,957 dozen
808,339 dozen
162,984 dozen
130,442 dozen

Non-traditional categories

331
333/334/335
- of which 333/334
- of which 335
340
347/348
- of which 347
- of which 348
631
633

Levels

449,224 dozen pr.
75,763 dozen
31,476 dozen
55,651 dozen
169,302 dozen
237,555 dozen
151,785 dozen
145,159 dozen
1,160,929 dozen pr.
25,479 dozen

<u>Non-traditional categories (cont'd)</u>	<u>Levels (cont'd)</u>
634	129,124 dozen
635	150,818 dozen
638/639	651,832 dozen
640	71,450 dozen
643	390,761 nos.
645/646	60,394 dozen
649	2,902,332 dozen"

The last sentence of paragraph 8 is amended as follows:

"For the third agreement period, the aggregate, group and specific limits shall be as stated in paragraphs 3 and 5."

Paragraph 13(A) is revised to read as follows:

"In implementing this Agreement, the system of categories and the rates of conversion into square yards equivalent listed in the Annex B hereto shall apply, except that for categories 333/334 the conversion factor shall be 39.5 square yards equivalent per dozen, and for categories 638/639 the conversion factor shall be 15.5 square yards per dozen."

Annex A is revised to read as follows:

"Designated third agreement period consultation levels pursuant to paragraph 7(A) of the Agreement.

<u>Traditional categories</u>	<u>Levels</u>
337	126,610 dozen
348	140,569 dozen
359	880,588 dozen
637	474,979 dozen
641	124,000 dozen
659	2,620,239 dozen

"A factor of 1.74 pounds equals 1 dozen shall be used to convert pounds to dozens for traditional items in categories 359 and 659."

<u>Non-traditional categories</u>	<u>Levels</u>
330	800,000 dozen
338/339	450,000 dozen
345	34,496 dozen
349	500,000 dozen
351	50,000 dozen
359	824,547 lbs.
636	30,905 dozen
647	60,001 dozen
651	70,000 dozen
652	350,000 dozen
559	904,667 lbs.
434	166,666 nos.
<u>Other categories</u>	<u>Levels</u>
604	1,795,064 lbs.

Annex B is replaced by the attached list of categories, descriptions and rates of conversion into square yards equivalent.

If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, this note and your note of confirmation on behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement effective 1 January 1978.

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

(signed) David D. Newsom
Ambassador

ANNEX B

Category	Description	Conversion	Unit of
Yarn			
- Cotton			
300	Carded	4.6	lb.
301	Combed	4.6	lb.
- Wool			
400	Tops and yarn	2.0	lb.
- Man-made fibre			
600	Textured	3.5	lb.
601	Cont. cellulosic	5.2	lb.
602	Cont. non-cellulosic	11.6	lb.
603	Spun cellulosic	3.4	lb.
604	Spun non-cellulosic	4.1	lb.
605	Other yarns	3.5	lb.
Fabric			
- Cotton			
310	Ginghams	1.0	syd.
311	Velveteens	1.0	syd.
312	Corduroy	1.0	syd.
313	Sheeting	1.0	syd.
314	Broadcloth	1.0	syd.
315	Printcloth	1.0	syd.
316	Shirtings	1.0	syd.
317	Twills and sateens	1.0	syd.
318	Yarn dyed	1.0	syd.
319	Duck	1.0	syd.
320	Other fabrics, n.k.	1.0	syd.
- Wool			
410	Woolens and worsted	1.0	syd.
411	Tapestries and upholstery	1.0	syd.
425	Knit	2.0	lb.
429	Other fabrics	1.0	syd.

ANNEX B (cont'd)

Category	Description	Conversion	Unit of
Fabric (cont'd)			
- Man-made fibre			
610	Cont. cellulosic, n.k.	1.0	syd.
611	Spun cellulosic, n.k.	1.0	syd.
612	Cont. non-cellulosic, n.k.	1.0	syd.
613	Spun non-cellulosic, n.k.	1.0	syd.
614	Other fabrics, n.k.	1.0	syd.
625	Knit	7.8	lb.
626	Pile and tufted	1.0	syd.
627	Specialty	7.8	lb.
Apparel			
- Cotton			
330	Handkerchiefs	1.7	doz.
331	Gloves	3.5	doz. pr.
332	Hosiery	4.6	doz. pr.
333	Suit-type coats, m. and b.	36.2	doz.
334	Other coats, m. and b.	41.3	doz.
335	Coats, w., g. and i.	41.3	doz.
336	Dresses (including uniforms)	45.3	doz.
337	Playsuits, sunsuits, washsuits creepers, rompers, etc.	25.0	doz.
338	Knit shirts, (including T-shirts, other and sweatshirts) m. and b.	7.2	doz.
339	Knit shirts and blouses (includ- ing T-shirts, other and sweatshirts) w., g. and i.	7.2	doz.
340	Shirts, n.k.	24.0	doz.
341	Blouses, n.k.	14.5	doz.
342	Skirts	17.8	doz.
343	Suits, m. and b.	4.5	no.
344	Suits, w. g. and i.	4.5	no.
345	Sweaters	36.8	doz.
347	Trousers, slacks and shorts (outer) m. and b.	17.8	doz.
348	Trousers, slacks and shorts (outer) w., g. and i.	17.8	doz.

ANNEX B (cont'd)

Category	Description	Conversion	Unit of
Apparel (cont'd)			
- Cotton (cont'd)			
349	Brassières, etc.	4.8	doz.
350	Dressing gowns, including bathrobes, and beach robes, lounging gowns, housecoats, and dusters	51.0	doz.
351	Pyjamas and other nightwear	52.0	doz.
352	Underwear (including union suits)	11.0	lb.
359	Other apparel	4.6	lb.
- Wool			
431	Gloves	2.1	doz. pr.
432	Hosiery	2.8	doz. pr.
433	Suit-type coats, m. and b.	3.0	no.
434	Other coats, m. and b.	4.5	no.
435	Coats, w., g. and i.	4.5	no.
436	Dresses	4.1	no.
438	Knit shirts and blouses	15.0	doz.
440	Shirts and blouses, n.k.	24.0	doz.
442	Skirts	1.5	no.
443	Suits, m. and b.	4.5	no.
444	Suits, w., g. and i.	4.5	no.
445	Sweaters, m. and b.	14.88	doz.
446	Sweaters, w., g. and i.	14.88	doz.
447	Trousers, slacks and shorts (outer) m. and b.	1.5	no.
448	Trousers, slacks and shorts (outer) w., g. and i.	1.5	no.
459	Other wool apparel	2.0	lb.
- Man-made fibre			
630	Handkerchiefs	1.7	doz.
631	Gloves	3.5	doz. pr.
632	Hosiery	4.6	doz. pr.
633	Suit-type coats, m. and b.	36.2	doz.
634	Other coats, m. and b.	41.3	doz.
635	Coats, w., g. and i.	41.3	doz.

ANNEX B (cont'd)

Category	Description	Conversion	Unit of
Apparel (cont'd)			
- Man-made fibre (cont'd)			
636	Dresses	45.3	doz.
637	Playsuits, sunsuits, washsuits, etc.	21.3	doz.
638	Knit shirts, (including T-shirts) m. and b.	18.0	doz.
639	Knit shirts and blouses (including T-shirts), w., g. and i.	15.0	doz.
640	Shirts, n.k.	24.0	doz.
641	Blouses, n.k.	14.5	doz.
642	Skirts	17.8	doz.
643	Suits, m. and b.	4.5	no.
644	Suits, w., g. and i.	4.5	no.
645	Sweaters, m. and b.	36.8	doz.
646	Sweaters, w., g. and i.	36.8	doz.
647	Trousers, slacks and shorts (outer), m. and b.	17.8	doz.
648	Trousers, slacks and shorts (outer), w., g. and i.	17.8	doz.
649	Brassières, etc.	4.8	doz.
650	Dressing gowns, including bath and beach robes	51.0	doz.
651	Pyjamas and other nightwear	52.0	doz.
652	Underwear	16.0	doz.
659	Other apparel	7.8	lb.
Made-ups and misc.			
- Cotton			
360	Pillowcases	1.1	no.
361	Sheets	6.2	no.
362	Bedspreads and quilts	6.9	no.
363	Terry and other pile towels	0.5	no.
369	Other cotton manufactures	4.6	lb.
- Wool			
464	Blankets and auto robes	1.3	lb.
465	Floor coverings	0.1	sft.
469	Other wool manufactures	2.0	lb.
- Man-made fibre			
665	Floor coverings	0.1	sft.
666	Other furnishings	7.8	lb.
669	Other man-made manufactures	7.8	lb.

Republic of the Philippines Note

Manila, 28 December 1977

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Excellency's note of today's date which reads as follows:

See United States note.

I have the honour to further confirm on behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, the acceptance of the amendments to the bilateral agreement as mentioned in your Excellency's note.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

(signed) Jose D. Ingles
Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs

His Excellency,
David D. Newsom,
Ambassador of the United States
of America to the Republic
of the Philippines,
Manila.