

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 India

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from the United States a notification of an amendment to the existing Multifibre Textile Agreement between the United States and India^{1/}, concluded 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 see COM.TEX/SB/315 of 26 April 1978.

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

April 20, 1978

**UNITED STATES AND INDIA
AMEND TEXTILE AGREEMENT**

The United States and India exchanged notes on April 18, 1978 to amend their bilateral agreement on trade in cotton, wool, and man-made fiber textiles. The texts of the notes follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE

April 18, 1978

His Excellency
N. A. Palkhivala
Ambassador of India

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the agreement between the United States of America and India done at Washington December 30, 1977 regarding trade in cotton, wool, and man-made fiber textiles and textile products, with Annexes (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement), and to the notes of April 14, 1978 from the Embassy of India to the Department of State.

I have the honor to propose, on behalf of my government, the following new consultation levels for the current agreement year:

Category 342	1,500,000 square yards equivalent
Category 465	800,000 square yards equivalent

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of India, this note and Your Excellency's note of confirmation on behalf of the Government of India shall constitute an agreement amending the Agreement.

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

For the Acting Secretary of State:
/S/ William Barraclough

INDIAN NOTE

April 18, 1978

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

Excellency:

I have the honour to refer to your letter dated April 18, 1978 responding to the notes of the Embassy of India of April 14, 1978 concerning the Agreement between the United States of America and India on trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products. I note that as against the Government of India's request for a higher consultation level of 1.2 million SYE for Indian exports covered by category 465, you have suggested the consultation level of 800,000 SYE. I also note that as against the Government of India's interim request for a higher consultation level of 1,750,000 SYE for exports covered under category 342, you have suggested a consultation level of 1.5 million SYE.

This is to confirm that the proposals made by you are acceptable to the Government of India as an interim solution to the problems affecting trade flows from India to the United States of America in textiles which were discussed between the officials of the Embassy of India and the officials of the United States Government on April 14, 1978 and that your proposals constitute an agreement to amend the Bilateral Textile Agreement signed between the United States of America and India on December 30, 1977.

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

For the Ambassador of India
/S/ (J. N. Dixit)
Minister of the Embassy