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# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

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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 Romania

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from the United States a notification of an amendment to its multifibre agreement<sup>1/</sup> concluded with Romania under Article 4 of the Arrangement.

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

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<sup>1/</sup> For original agreement and amendment see COM.TEX/SB/267 and 294

<sup>2/</sup> See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B

3 May 1978

THE UNITED STATES AND ROMANIA AMEND  
TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and the Socialist Republic of Romania exchanged Notes to amend the existing bilateral textile agreement on trade in wool and man-made fibre textiles between the two countries. The texts of the Notes follow.

UNITED STATES NOTE

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Bilateral Agreement of 17 June 1977 (as amended) on Trade in Wool and Man-made Fibre Textiles between our two Governments (the "Agreement"). I also refer to recent discussions between representatives of our two Governments in Bucharest, Romania and Washington, D.C. As a result of these discussions I propose that the Agreement be amended, effective 1 January 1978 as follows:

1. Paragraph 2(A) of the Agreement is amended to read as follows:

"Non-apparel textile products (categories 410-429, 464-469, 610-627 and 665-669) as a group are subject to a designated consultation level of 10 million square yards equivalent."

2. Paragraph 2(B) of the Agreement is amended to read as follows:

"Within the designated consultation level for the non-apparel group the following categories shall have designated annual consultation levels as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Designated annual consultation level</u> (square yards equivalent)
465	150,000
610	2,000,000
611	2,000,000
612	2,000,000
613	4,000,000
614	1,500,000
666	2,000,000

3. Paragraph 3(A) of the Agreement is amended to read as follows:

"Apparel textile products (categories 431-459 and 630-659) as a group are subject to a specific limit of 23,540,000 square yards equivalent for the 1978 agreement year.

His Excellency,  
Ion Patan,  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of  
Foreign Trade and International  
Economic Co-operation,  
Socialist Republic of Romania.

4. Paragraph 3(C) shall be amended to read as follows:

"The following categories shall have designated annual consultation levels as indicated:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Designated annual consultation level</u> (square yards equivalent)
433/434	225,000
435/444	375,000
459	150,000
633	1,500,000
634	2,200,000
(not knit)	(700,000)
(knit) Pt.	(1,500,000)
643/644	112,500
640	1,200,000
648	1,065,000
659	1,500,000

5. Paragraph 3(D) shall be amended to read as follows:

"Categories 443, 638/639, 645/646 and 643/644 (not knit) will be subject to specific limits. The 1978 agreement year level for category 638/639 will be 2,675,000 square yards equivalent. The levels for each agreement year for categories 443, 645/646 and 643/644 (not knit) include the adjustments authorized under paragraphs 4 and 5, and are as shown in sub-paragraph (E)."

6. Paragraph 3(E) shall be amended to read as follows:

"Specific limits for categories 443, 645/646 and 643/644 (not knit) as adjusted:

<u>Categories</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>
443	88,022	88,902	89,791
	Units	Units	Units
645/646	5,500,000	5,500,000	5,500,000
	SYE	SYE	SYE
643/644	236,994	253,584	271,335
(not knit)	Units	Units	Units

"If the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania wishes to utilize in any agreement year any additional yardage in categories 443, 645/646 or 643/644 (not knit) beyond the yardage stipulated in the schedule above, the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania will notify the Government of the United States and will not utilize such requested yardage without the concurrence of the Government of the United States."

7. Paragraph 11(A) of the Agreement is amended to read as follows:

"11(A)(I) The system of categories and the rates of conversion into square yards equivalent listed in Annex A shall apply in implementing this Agreement except as set out in sub-paragraph 11(A)(II)."

"11(A)(II) For purposes of this Agreement and in recognition of the patterns of trade of the Socialist Republic of Romania with the United States of America, groups of categories below are merged and treated as single categories and sub-categories as indicated, with specific limits and consultation levels for categories and sub-categories as set out elsewhere in this Agreement:

<u>Categories merged</u>	<u>Designation in Agreement</u>	<u>Sub-categories</u>
433; 434	433/434	None
435; 444	435/444	None
638; 639	638/639	None
643; 644	643/644	643/644 (knit) 643/644 (not knit)
645; 646	645/646	None

Category 634 is divided into two categories, designated category 634 (knit) and category 634 (not knit), each subject to a consultation level as set out elsewhere in this Agreement."

8. The following paragraph is added to the Agreement as paragraph 18:

"18. Textile and textile products which are exported from Romania during 1977 are subject to the 1977 limits or levels; exports during 1978 and subsequent years are subject to limits or levels for the year in which exported."

9. Annex A to the Agreement is replaced by the list of categories, descriptions and rates of conversion into square yards equivalent attached hereto as Annex A.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania, this note and your Excellency's note of confirmation on behalf of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania shall constitute an Amendment to the Agreement.

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

(signed) Orison Rudolph Aggrey  
Ambassador

ANNEX A

Category	Description	Conversion factor	Unit of measure
	Yarn		
	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		
	Wool		
410	Woollens and worsted	1.0	sq.yds.
411	Tapestries and upholstery	1.0	sq.yds.
425	Knit	2.0	lb.
429	Other fabrics	1.0	sq.yds.
	Man-made fibre		
610	Cont. cellulosic, n.k.	1.0	sq.yds.
611	Spun cellulosic, n.k.	1.0	sq.yds.
612	Cont. non-cellulosic, n.k.	1.0	sq.yds.
613	Spun non-cellulosic, n.k.	1.0	sq.yds.
614	Other fabrics, n.k.	1.0	sq.yds.
625	Knit	7.8	lb.
626	File and tufted	1.0	sq.yds.
627	Specialty	7.8	lb.

Category	Description	Conversion factor	Unit of measure
	Apparel		
	Wool		
431	Gloves	2.1	doz.prs.
432	Hosiery	2.8	doz.prs.
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	36.8	doz.
446	Sweaters, W, G and I	36.8	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 fibres		
630	Handkerchiefs	1.7	doz.
631	Gloves	3.5	doz.prs.
632	Hosiery	4.6	doz.prs.
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.
636	Dresses	45.3	doz.



Category	Description	Conversion factor	Unit of measure
637	Playsuits, sunsuits, washsuits, etc.	21.3	doz.
638	Knit shirts (inc. T-shirts), M and B	18.0	doz.
639	Knit shirts and blouses (inc. 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	Brassieres, etc.	4.8	doz.
650	Dressing gowns, inc. bath and beach robes	51.0	doz.
651	Pajamas and other nightwear	52.0	doz.
652	Underwear	16.0	doz.
659	Other apparel	7.8	lb.
	Made-ups and misc.		
	Wool		
464	Blankets and auto robes	1.3	lb.
465	Floor covering	0.1	sq.ft.
469	Other wool manufactures	2.0	lb.

Category	Description	Conversion factor	Unit of measure
	Man-made fibre		
665	Floor coverings	0.1	sq.ft.
666	Other furnishings	7.8	lb.
669	Other man-made manufactures	7.8	lb.

ROMANIAN NOTE

12 April 1978

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note No. 26, proposing that the Bilateral Agreement on Trade in Wool and Man-made Fibre Textiles between our two Governments of 17 June 1977 be amended as a result of discussions held in Washington, D.C. on 15-16 December 1977 reading as follows:

See United States Note.

I confirm that the foregoing proposal of the Government of the United States is acceptable to the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania and that the proposal in your Note and this Note of confirmation constitute an Amendment to the Agreement.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

(signed) C. Stanciu  
Deputy Minister

His Excellency  
Orison Rudolph Aggrey,  
Ambassador of the  
United States of America.