

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Amendment to the Bilateral Agreement between
the United States and Hong Kong

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification from the United States of an amendment to its bilateral agreement with Hong Kong 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 original agreement see COM.TEX/SB/321.

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

UNITED STATES AND HONG KONG
ESTABLISH EXPORT LIMITS

The United States and Hong Kong exchanged letters dated September 20, 1978 and September 25, 1978, to establish export limits for 1978 on three apparel categories. Texts of letters follow:

UNITED STATES LETTER

September 20, 1978

Mr. Richard B. Crowson
Counselor (Hong Kong
Commercial Affairs)

British Embassy
3100 Massachusetts Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Mr. Crowson:

I refer to my letter of June 14, 1978, requesting consultations under paragraph 9 of the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Hong Kong Relating to Trade in Cotton, Wool and Man-made Fiber Textiles, with Annexes, of August 8, 1977, concerning an appropriate level of restraint for the current Agreement Year for Category 448, and to consultations held in Hong Kong July 17 to 21, 1978, during which representatives of the Government of the United States of America requested similar consultations with respect to Categories 435, 438 and 442.

My Government understands that during the consultations of July 17 to 21, 1978, it was agreed that the Government of Hong Kong will limit exports during the current Agreement Year in Category 435 to 565,000 numbers and in Category 442 to 557,500 numbers. The consultations did not result in agreement on an appropriate level of restraint for exports in Categories 438; pursuant to sub-paragraph 9 (E) of the Agreement of August 8, 1977, my Government requests that the Government of Hong Kong limit exports of products in Category 438 during the current Agreement Year to 690,551 7/12 dozens.

As agreed during the consultations, my Government withdraws the request for consultations with respect to Category 448, without prejudice to possible future requests for consultations.

I would appreciate your confirmation that the Government of Hong Kong agrees with the above.

Sincerely,

/S/
John J. St. John
Chief
Textiles Division

HONG KONG LETTER

25 September, 1978.

Mr. John St. John
Chief, Textiles Division
Room 3333
U.S. Department of State
Washington, D.C.

Dear Jack,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 20 September, 1978, which reads as follows:-

See U.S. letter

I confirm that the Government of Hong Kong agrees with these understandings.

Yours sincerely,

/S/
R. B. Crowson
Counsellor, Hong Kong Affairs.

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