

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 a further 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 and prior amendment see COM.TEX/SB/321 and 393.

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

March 9, 1979

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UNITED STATES AND HONG KONG
AMEND TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Hong Kong exchanged letters dated February 2, 1979 and February 13, 1979 to amend the existing bilateral textile agreement. The texts of the letters follow:

UNITED STATES LETTER

February 2, 1979

The Honorable D. H. Jordan, C.M.G., M.B.E., J.P.
Director of Trade, Industry and Customs
Trade Industry and Customs Department
Ocean Centre, Room 1501, 15/F
Canton Road
Kowloon

Dear Mr. Jordan:

I have the honor to refer to the Agreement concerning trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products between the Government of Hong Kong and the Government of the United States of America, dated August 8, 1977, with annexes, as amended (the Agreement). I have further the honor to refer to discussions between representatives of the Government of Hong Kong and the Government of the United States of America in Washington from 28-29 November 1978, concerning the establishment of Specified Limits for merged Category 645/646 for the agreement years 1979 through 1982. Because of the special, difficult and different problems encountered by Hong Kong and the United States of America with respect to products in this merged Category, it was not possible to agree on Specified Limits for this merged Category for 1979 through 1982.

Recalling that a Specified Limit for merged Category 645/646 was established for 1978 alone and that it was not possible to reach agreement on Specified Limits thereafter, it was agreed that trade in merged Category 645/646 will be subject to the provisions of paragraph 9 of the Agreement for the final four agreement years. In this regard the Government of the United States of America undertakes that it will not invoke the provisions of paragraph 9 of the Agreement at least until the level of Export Authorizations issued by Hong Kong reaches the following amounts:

<u>Year</u>	<u>EA's Issued (Dozens)</u>
1979	1,200,000
1980	1,201,000
1981	1,202,000
1982	1,203,000

It is my understanding that the Government of Hong Kong will not issue Export Authorizations for merged Category 645/646 in excess of these amounts without prior consultations with and agreement by the Government of the United States of America.

If the foregoing arrangement is acceptable to the Government of Hong Kong this letter and your letter of acceptance on behalf of the Government of Hong Kong shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement, effective as of January 1, 1979.

Accept, Sir, the renewal of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

/S/ Thomas P. Shoesmith
Consul General

HONG KONG LETTER

13 February 1979

Mr. Thomas P. Shoesmith
Consul-General
Consulate General of the
United States of America
26 Garden Road
Hong Kong

Dear Mr. Shoesmith,

I refer to your letter of 2 February 1979 regarding an amendment to the Agreement concerning trade in cotton, wool

and man-made fibre textiles and textile products between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Hong Kong, of August 8, 1977, as amended. I wish to confirm that the arrangement is acceptable to my Government and that your understanding is correct. This letter and your letter constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

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

Yours sincerely,

/S/ (D. H. Jordan)