

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 Agreement between the United States  
and Korea

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

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

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<sup>1/</sup> For details of the original agreement and previous amendments, see COM.TEX/SB/329, 341 and 414.

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

Seoul, 24 August 1979

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement of 23 December 1977, regarding Trade in Cotton, Wool, and Man-Made Fibre Textiles and Textile Products, with Annexes, as amended and corrected, between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Republic of Korea (the Agreement), and to consultations between representatives of the Government of the United States and the Government of the Republic of Korea in Seoul on 29 January-1 February 1979 and in Washington on 26 February-3 March 1979 pursuant to paragraphs 6 and 20(a) of the Agreement.

On the basis of those consultations I have the honour to propose, on behalf of the Government of the United States, that the Agreement be amended as follows.

1. Annex C to the Agreement is amended by changing the consultation levels for the 1979 agreement year for the following categories to the amounts set out below:

|                                |                 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 336                            | 44,150 DOZ.     |
| 351                            | 76,923 DOZ.     |
| (605 cordage - TSUSA 316.6020) | 1,428,171 LBS.  |
| 612                            | 21,000,000 SYE. |
| 649                            | 240,625 DOZ.    |
| 651                            | 60,000 DOZ.     |
| 652                            | 337,500 DOZ.    |
| 669                            | 2,243,590 LBS.  |
| (Fishnets)                     | 320,513 LBS.    |
| (Tents)                        | 1,538,462 LBS.  |

Annex C to the Agreement is amended by the deletion of categories 338/339 and 341.

H.E. Park Tong Jin,  
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the  
Republic of Korea.

2. Annex B is amended to include the following new and changed specific limits.

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Units</u> | <u>2nd year</u> | <u>3rd year</u> | <u>4th year</u> | <u>5th year</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 338/339         | Knit tops          | DOZ.         | 444,444         | 473,333         | 504,099         | 536,866         |
| 341             | Blouses            | DOZ.         | 89,655          | 95,486          | 101,689         | 108,299         |
| 633/634/635     | Coats              | DOZ.         | 1,248,442       | 1,297,131       | 1,347,719       | 1,400,280       |
| 635             | Coats (WG and I)   | DOZ.         | 551,558         | 573,069         | 595,418         | 618,640         |
| 638/639         | Knit tops          | DOZ.         | 4,972,238       | 5,166,155       | 5,367,635       | 5,576,973       |
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3. In addition to the adjustments permitted under paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Agreement, beginning in the second agreement year and for the duration of the Agreement, during each agreement year the specific limit for either category 640 (dress shirts) or category 640 (other shirts) may be exceeded by an amount up to 10 per cent of the specific limit for that category provided that the specific limit for the other category (as adjusted pursuant to paragraphs 8 and 9) is decreased by an equal amount.

4. Exports from the Republic of Korea to the United States of laminated fabric of man-made fibre woven strips, included within category 627, shall not exceed 5 million square yards equivalent during the second agreement year; the consultation level for all other products included in category 627 for the second agreement year shall be 1 million square yards equivalent. During the third and subsequent agreement years, laminated fabric of man-made fibre strips shall not be subject to quantitative limits under the Agreement; notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 15 of the Agreement, the United States maintains its rights under Article 3 of the Arrangement (as defined in the Agreement) with respect to laminated fabric of man-made fibre strips. During the term of the Agreement, the Government of the Republic of Korea will continue to issue visas for exports of such laminated fabric to the United States and will promptly, on a monthly basis, provide statistics on such visa issuance to the Government of the United States.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Korea, this note and your Excellency's note of confirmation on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Korea shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments.

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

(signed)

Sir,

I, the undersigned consular officer of the United States, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and factual copy of the original copy this day exhibited to me, the same having been carefully examined by me and compared with the said original copy and found to agree therewith word for word and figure for figure.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Embassy of the United States at Seoul, Korea, this day of 28 August 1979.

(signed) Robert C. Porter, Jr.  
American Vice Consul

Republic of Korea,  
Special City of Seoul,  
Embassy of the  
United States of America

24 August 1979

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

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of America,  
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I have further the honour to inform Your Excellency that the foregoing amendment proposals are acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Korea and to confirm that Your Excellency's Note and this Note in reply thereto constitute an Agreement between our two Governments in this matter, which enters into force on the date of this reply.

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

(signed)

Minister of Foreign Affairs