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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 8:4

Agreement between the United States and Indonesia

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification from the United States of an agreement relating to the establishment of an export visa system, concluded between the United States and Indonesia.

The TSB noted that the agreement does not contain any restraints, and agreed to transmit the notification to the participating countries for information.

UNITED STATES AND INDONESIA
ESTABLISH TEXTILE VISA SYSTEM

The United States and Indonesia exchanged letters dated October 1, 1979 and October 15, 1979 to establish a visa system for exports from Indonesia to the United States of America of cotton, wool and man-made fiber apparel manufactured in Indonesia. The texts of the letters follow:

Letter No. 1

UNITED STATES LETTER

Jakarta, Indonesia

1 October 1979

Mr. Darry Salim
Director of International
Trade Relations
Department of Trade and
Cooperatives
Jl. Abdul Muis 87
Jakarta

Dear Mr. Salim:

I wish to propose on behalf of my Government that the following visa system be established for exports to the United States of America of cotton, wool and man-made fiber apparel manufactured in Indonesia:

1. Each shipment shall be accompanied by an export visa issued by the Republic of Indonesia. The export visa will be signed by an authorized official of the Republic of Indonesia and will appear as original stamped marking in blue ink on the front of the Special Customs Invoice Form 5515, successor document or commercial invoice when such form is issued.

2. The names of facsimile signatures of the officials authorized to issue export visas will be supplied by the Republic of Indonesia. The Republic of Indonesia will notify the Government of the United States of America of any changes of authorized officials, and will provide facsimiles of newly authorized officials' signatures. A minimum number of officials will be authorized to issue visas and certifications.
3. Shipments not accompanied by a valid visa in accordance with this letter, after the effective date of this requirement, shall be denied entry by the Government of the United States of America except upon specific request of the Republic of Indonesia.
4. The United States Government shall publish in the Federal Register this visa system upon receipt of the authorized visa stamp and signatures from the Republic of Indonesia. The visa system will be similar to the sample attached to this letter. The visa system will become effective 30 days after the date of publication for shipments exported from Indonesia on and after that date and 90 days after the date of publication for shipments exported from Indonesia before that date.
5. Either Government may terminate, in whole or in part, this administrative arrangement by giving 90 days written notice thereof to the other.
6. Merchandise for the personal use of the importer and not for resale does not require a visa for entry.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to your Government, this letter and your letter of acceptance on behalf of the Republic of Indonesia shall constitute an administrative arrangement between our two Governments.

Sincerely,

Henry Bardach
Counselor for Economic and
Commercial Affairs

INDONESIA LETTER

Jakarta, 15 October 1979

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter today concerning an understanding on the proposal of the Government of the United States to establish a visa system for exports from Indonesia to the United States of cotton, wool and man-made fibre apparel manufactures in Indonesia and to confirm the result of discussion/consultation reached on the subject as follows:

(See Letter No. 1)

I further have the honour to confirm the following additional understanding reached between us during our talks which have taken place in Jakarta, on 19 September 1979, i.e.:

7. The Government of Indonesia will provide the Government of the United States, via the United States Embassy in Jakarta, with regular reports consisting of total figures of exports of goods to the United States and total visas issued during the corresponding period.
8. Whenever the competent United States authorities have reasonable doubt as to the accuracy of the information regarding the true origin of the products in question these authorities shall inform the competent authorities in Indonesia the reasons for an enquiry.

The result of the subsequent verification carried out in accordance with this procedure shall be communicated to the competent United States authorities as soon as possible.

9. The Government of Indonesia and the Government of the United States agree to consult each other, at the request of either Party, if any problem should arise out of the implementation of these arrangements.

Mr. Henry Bardach,
Counsellor for Economic and
Commercial Affairs,
Embassy of the United States,
Jakarta.

The foregoing provisions being acceptable, it is agreed that your letter, together with this reply, shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of this reply.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

(signed) Darry Salim
Director for External Trade Relations
Department of Trade and Co-operatives