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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 Singapore

The TSB has received a notification from the United States concerning three amendments affecting the last year of the 1978-1981 bilateral agreement, under Article 4,¹ with Singapore and the first year of the new Article 4 bilateral agreement.

The TSB, pursuant to its procedure regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article 4², has examined the relevant documentation and is forwarding the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.³

¹The 1978-1981 bilateral agreement and amendments to it are contained in COM.TEX/SB/399, 400, 464, 495, 528, 567, 584, 621, 642 and 763. A visa agreement between the United States and Singapore was notified under Article 8:4 of the MFA in COM.TEX/SB/646. The new bilateral agreement with Singapore is contained in COM.TEX/SB/764.

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

³The TSB's observations on these amendments are contained in COM.TEX/SB/772

AMENDMENT NO. 1

UNITED STATES LETTER

August 19, 1981

36 Hill Street
Singapore 0617
August 19, 1981

Mr. Ridzwan Dzafir
Director-General
Department of Trade
Ministry of Trade and Industry
Republic of Singapore

Dear Mr. Ridzwan:

I refer to paragraph ten of the Agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of Singapore relating to trade in cotton, wool, and manmade fiber textiles and textile products, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes dated September 21 and 22, 1978 as amended ("The Agreement"), and to our discussions of July 19, 1981 concerning exports from Singapore to the United States of products classified in Textile Category 347/348.

It is my Government's understanding that our Governments have agreed that, for Category 347/348 only, Singapore may utilize six percent carry forward for the 1981 agreement year. The amount of carry forward utilized will be deducted from the 1982 agreement year level.

If the above conforms to your Government's understanding, this letter and your letter of agreement on behalf of your Government shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement between our two Governments.

Sincerely,

William E. Spruce
Political/Economic Counselor

SINGAPORE LETTER

19 Aug 81


Mr William E Spruce
Deputy Chief of Mission
Embassy of the United States
of America
30 Hill Street
Singapore 0617

Dear Mr Spruce

I refer to paragraph 10 of the Agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of Singapore relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes dated 21 and 22 September 1978 as amended ("the Agreement") and to our discussions of 19 July 1981 concerning exports from Singapore to the United States of products classified in textiles category 347/348 and to your letter dated 19 August 1981 concerning the application of carrying forward provision from 1982 to 1981 in respect of category 347/348.

I am pleased to inform you that your Government's understanding as outlined in paragraph 2 of your letter conforms with that of my Government. This letter and your letter constitute an amendment to the Agreement between our two Governments.

Yours sincerely


RIDWAN DZAFIR
DIRECTOR-GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF TRADE

AMENDMENT NO. 2

UNITED STATES LETTER

30 Hill Street
Singapore 0617
August 24, 1981

Mr. Ridzwan Dzafir
Director-General
Department of Trade
Ministry of Trade and Industry
Republic of Singapore

Dear Mr. Ridzwan:

I refer to paragraph eleven of the Agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of Singapore relating to trade in cotton, wool and manmade fiber textiles and textile products, with annexes, effected by the exchange of notes dated August 21, 1981 ("The Agreement"), and to our discussions of July 19, 1981 concerning exports from Singapore to the United States of products classified in Textile Category 347/348.

It is my Government's understanding that our Governments have agreed that, for Category 347/348 only, the Singapore Government may utilize, as available, carryover from 1981 to 1982 of up to 11 percent of the 1982 agreement year limit. The combination of carryover and carry forward shall not exceed eleven percent of the 1982 Agreement Year Limit.

If the above conforms to your Government's understanding, this letter and your letter of acceptance on behalf of your Government shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement between our two Governments.

Sincerely,

William E. Spruce
Political/Economic Counselor

SINGAPORE LETTER

27 Aug 81

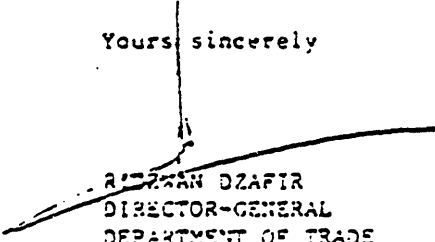
Mr. William E Spruce
Political/Economic Counselor
Embassy of the United States
of America
30 Hill Street
Singapore 0617

Dear Mr Spruce,

I refer to paragraph 11 of the Agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of Singapore relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes dated 21 August 1981, as amended ("The Agreement") and to our discussions of 19 July 1981 concerning exports from Singapore to the United States of product classified in textile Category 347/348 and to your letter dated 24 August 1981 concerning the application of carryover provision from 1981 to 1982 in respect of Category 347/348.

2 I am pleased to inform you that your Government's understanding as outlined in paragraph 2 of your letter conforms with that of my Government. This letter and your letter constitute an amendment to the Agreement between our two Governments.

Yours sincerely



RIDWAN DZAFIR
DIRECTOR-GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF TRADE

AMENDMENT NO. 3

UNITED STATES LETTER

December 18, 1981

Ms. Edith Cheong Choy Hoong
Assistant Director
Trade Department
Government of Singapore

Dear Ms. Cheong:

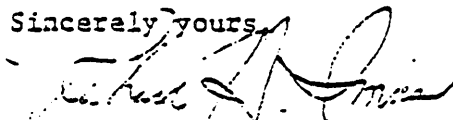
I am writing with reference to the Agreement between the United States and Singapore relating to trade in cotton, wool, and man-made fiber textiles and textile products, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes September 21, and September 22, 1978, as amended ("The 1978 Agreement"), to the Agreement between the United States and Singapore relating to trade in cotton, wool, and man-made fiber textiles and textile products, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes August 21, 1981, as amended ("The 1981 Agreement"), and to our conversations concerning exports from Singapore to the United States of products classified in textile categories 445/446.

On behalf of my Government, I have the honor to propose the following:

The consultation level for category 445/446 for the 1981 Agreement Year shall be 26,000 dozen. The consultation level for category 445/446 for each of the 1982, 1983, and 1984 Agreements Years shall be 22,000 dozen. However, 2,000 dozen shall be deducted in each of these three Agreement Years, bringing the effective level to 20,000 dozen for each year.

If this proposal is acceptable to your Government, this letter and your letter of confirmation on behalf of your Government shall constitute amendments to the 1978 and 1981 Agreements.

Sincerely yours,


Richard H. Imus
Chief, Textiles Division
United States Department of State

SINGAPORE LETTER

Mr Richard H Imus
Chief, Textiles Division
United States Department of States
Government of the United States

Dear Mr Imus

I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 18 Dec 81 and confirm that the proposal contained in paragraph 2 of your letter reproduced below is acceptable to my Government :-

"The consultations level for Category 445/446 for the 1981 Agreement Year shall be 26,000 dozens. The consultation level for Category 445/446 for each of the 1982, 1983 and 1984 Agreement Years shall be 22,000 dozens. However, 2,000 dozens shall be deducted in each of these three Agreement Years, bringing the effective level to 20,000 dozens for each year."

2 Your letter and this letter of confirmation shall constitute amendments to the 1978 and 1981 Agreement between the United States and Singapore relating to trade in cotton, wool, and man-made fibre textiles and textile products.

Yours sincerely

Edith Cheong Choy Hoong
Edith Cheong Choy Hoong (Miss)
for Director-General
Department of Trade