

**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 8:4

Amendment to the Export Visa System agreed
between the United States and Sri Lanka

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from the United States a notification concerning an amendment to the export visa system agreed with Sri Lanka.¹ This amendment is notified under Article 8:4 of the MFA.

The TSB has examined this notification and is forwarding it to participating countries for their information.

¹The text of the export visa system is contained in COM.TEX/SB/499

SRI LANKA LETTER

July 14, 1982

Mr. John S. Blodgett,
Acting Counsellor of Embassy,
American Embassy,
44, Galle Road,
Colombo 3.

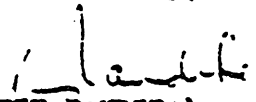
Dear Mr. Blodgett,

I am writing with reference to the agreement between Sri Lanka and the United States relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes July 7, 1980, as amended ("The Agreement") and to the visa system covering exports to the United States of cotton, wool and man-made fiber apparel products manufactured in Sri Lanka ("The Visa System"), established by exchange of letters March 12, 1979 and March 23, 1979.

The visa system recognizes the use by my government of a visa stamp carrying the words "Ministry of Textile Industries" in the bottom half of the circle of the stamp corresponding to the words "Government of Sri Lanka" on top. As the Greater Colombo Economic Commission is also authorized to issue export visas, I would like to propose on behalf of my Government that the visa system be amended to also recognize the use by my government of a visa stamp carrying the words "Greater Colombo Economic Commission" in the bottom half of the circle of the stamp corresponding to the words "Government of Sri Lanka" on top.

Enclosed are original unsigned copies of the "Ministry of Textile Industries" and "Greater Colombo Economic Commission" visa stamps, as well as a list of the names and facsimile signatures of the officials who will be authorized to issue these respective export visas. If your government agrees to this proposed amendment please notify us of the date on which we should begin issuing the "Greater Colombo Economic Commission" visa stamps.

Yours sincerely,


(VINCENT PANDITA)
Secretary.

c.c. Mr.E.P. Paul Perera,
Director General,
GCZC.

The Names, designations and signatures of officials of the Ministry of Textile Industries authorised to issue and sign export visas are given below. The stamp which will be placed on the "Special Customs Invoice" Form No. 5515, successor document or commercial invoice is also given.

- 1) Mrs. P.G.P. Abeyratne,
Assistant Secretary (Expert) I
Ministry of Textile Industries,
Torrington Square,
Colombo 7.

Abeyratne
.....
Signature

- 2) Mr. D.P. Balachandra,
Assistant Secretary (Expert) II
Ministry of Textile Industries,
Torrington Square,
Colombo 7.

D.P. Balachandra
.....
Signature



**ISSUE OF US SPECIAL CUSTOMS
INVOICE VISAS - GCEC EXPORTS**

Names and designations of officials of the Greater Colombo Economic Commission authorized to sign U. Customs Invoice Form No. 5515 in respect of GCEC exports and their specimen signatures together with the specimen of stamp to be used in certifying the visas.

(a) Name: G.D. Umagiliya

Designation: Senior Manager -
Investor Services
& Monitoring

G.D. Umagiliya
.....
Specimen Signature



Stamp with specimen signature.

(b) Name: P.L.C. Obeyesekere

Designation: Addl. Senior Manager -
Investor Services
& Monitoring

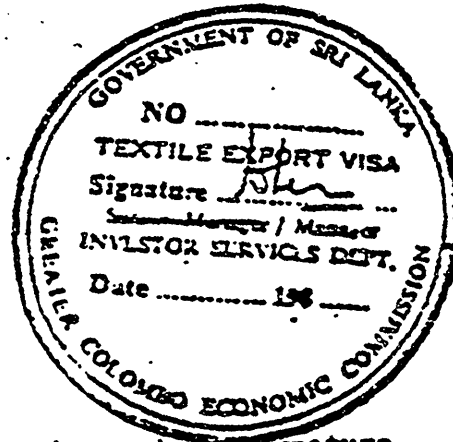
P.L.C. Obeyesekere
.....
Specimen Signature



Stamp with specimen signature

(c) Name: U.M.C.A.F. Perera
Designation: Manager -
Imports & Exports

U.M.C.A.F. Perera
.....
Specimen Signature



Stamp with specimen signature.

UNITED STATES LETTER

July 20, 1982
Colombo, Sri Lanka

Mr. Vincent Pandita
Secretary
Ministry of Textiles
Torrington Square
Colombo 7

Dear Mr. Pandita:

I am writing with reference to the agreement between Sri Lanka and the United States relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes July 7, 1980, as amended ("The Agreement"), to the visa system covering exports to the United States of cotton, wool and man-made fiber apparel products manufactured in Sri Lanka ("The Visa System"), established by exchange of letters March 12, 1979 and March 23, 1979, and to your letter of July 14, 1982.

The proposal contained in your letter of July 14, 1982 is acceptable to my government. You should begin issuing the "Greater Colombo Economic Commission" visa stamps in approximately eight weeks (I will advise you of the exact date in the near future).

Sincerely,



John S. Blodgett
First Secretary