

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Textiles Surveillance Body

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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Modification to the Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Japan

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification from the United States of a modification to its Article 4 bilateral agreement with Japan, concerning changes in restraint levels for 1981.^{1/}

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article 4^{2/}, has examined the relevant documentation and is forwarding the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.^{3/}

^{1/} The original agreement is to be found in COM.TEX/SB/498.

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

^{3/} This notification is noted in COM.TEX/SB/801, paragraph 21.

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

1. During the course of talks between the representatives of the Government of Japan and of the Government of the United States of America on trade in textile products held in Honolulu in April 1980, in Geneva in July and October 1980, in Washington in April 1981, and in Geneva in May 1981, Japanese exports to the United States of America of five items in the attached list were discussed.

2. The representatives of the Government of the United States of America explained the overall import situation with respect to these items, and requested Japanese cooperation by limiting exports of these items from Japan. The representative of the Government of Japan expressed his Government's readiness and intention to see to it that the exports of these items from Japan to the United States of America not exceed the respective limits set forth in the list, and the representatives of the Government of the United States of America concurred.

3. The limits for Categories 435, 442 and 448 as set forth in the August 22, 1979 Record of Discussion dated August 22, 1979 are adjusted to the amount set forth under "New Level of Limit" of the list by amounts of shift agreed during these discussions. In addition, these limits may be increased by certain amounts, provided an equal amount in square yards equivalent is deducted from another of these categories. In addition, the representative of the Government of Japan stated in the above talks that its Government would make its best efforts to insure that not more than 60 percent of the limit remaining for 1980 and 1981, would be shipped in either of those years. The limits in the August 22, 1979 Record of Discussion dated August 22, 1979 will continue to be the basis for any future discussions concerning exports from Japan of these products to the United States during 1982 and beyond.

FOR THE DELEGATION OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN:

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FOR THE DELEGATION OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES:

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WASHINGTON, December 3, 1981

I. Categories 435, 442, 448:

<u>Cat.</u>	<u>New Level of Limit</u>	<u>Allowable Increase and the Corresponding Decrease in Other Limit(s)</u>
435	96,223 doz. (4 years)	-allowable increase: 2,597 doz. -amount of decrease in other limit(s) 140,238 SYE
442	70,437 doz. (4 years)	-allowable increase: 1,771 doz. -amount of decrease in other limit(s) 31,878 SYE
448	86,788 doz. (4 years)	-allowable increase: 2,585 doz. -amount of decrease in other limit(s) 46,530 SYE

II. Category 612:

<u>Category</u>	<u>1980 Limit</u>
612	206,040,000 SYE

The Government of Japan will make every effort to insure that monthly shipments will not exceed 20 million syds.

The two Governments will consult on a quota for 1981.

III. Category 335:

The adjusted 3-year limit for Cat. 335 (1979--81) will be 536,575 dozen or 22,160,547 SYE.