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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 Sri Lanka

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification from the United States of a further amendment to its Article 4 bilateral agreement with Sri Lanka concerning the establishment of new limits for Categories 347 and 445/446_1/

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures 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/

 $[\]frac{1}{T}$ The original agreement and previous modifications are to be found in COM.TEX/SB/608, 707, 727 and 787.

 $[\]frac{2}{2}$ See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

 $[\]frac{3}{1}$ The TSB's observations on this notification are contained in COM.TEX/SB/801, paragraphs 25-27.

His Excellency
Ernest Corea
Ambassador of the Democratic Socialist
Republic of Sri Lanka

Excellency:

I am writing with reference to paragraph 7 of the Agreement between the United States and Sri Lanka 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 discussions held between representatives of our two Governments concerning exports from Sri Lanka to the United States of products classified in textile categories 347 (men's and boys' cotton trousers), 445 and 446 (wool sweaters).

On behalf of my Government, I would like to propose that Annex B of the Agreement be amended to establish specific limits for categories 347 and 445/6 as follows:

Category	Period	Specific Limit
347	November 23, 1981 - April 30, 1983	475,000 dozen
445/6	November 23, 1981 - April 30, 1983	135,000 dozen

The provisions of paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Agreement shall not apply to categories 347 and 445/6.

If this proposal is acceptable to your Government, this letter and your letter of confirmation on behalf of your Government shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Sincerely,

Denis Lamb

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Trade and Commercial Affairs Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs

20 August 1982

Mr. Denis Lamb
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Trade and Commercial Affairs
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Dear lir. Lamb,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of the proposal contained in your letter dated 20th August 1982 which reads as follows:

(Text of United States Note)

On behalf of my Government I confirm that the proposal sat out in your letter is acceptable to the Government of Sri Lanka, and that your letter and this letter of confirmation shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Yours sincerely,

Ernest Corea Ambassador.