

**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON  
TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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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 Hong Kong

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from the United States a notification of a further modification to its bilateral agreement with Hong Kong, concluded under Article 4 of the MFA. The modification concerns additional restraints for the 1983 agreement year.<sup>1</sup>

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures regarding notifications under Article 4<sup>2</sup>, has examined the relevant documentation and is forwarding the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.

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<sup>1</sup>The original bilateral agreement and subsequent modifications are contained in COM.TEX/SB/818 and 888.

<sup>2</sup>See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am instructed by my government to inform the Textiles Surveillance Body of the establishment of additional restraints on imports of textile products from Hong Kong for the 1983 agreement year. The restraints, which were established pursuant to paragraph 7 of the U.S.-Hong Kong bilateral textile agreement, set limits for 11 categories for the 1983 agreement year as outlined below.

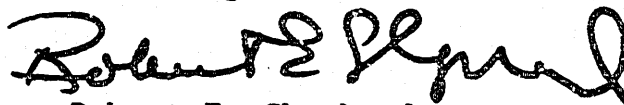
<u>Category</u>	<u>DCR*</u>	<u>83 Limit</u>
434	5/9	8,660 DOZ
336	5/17	137,704 DOZ
442	5/24	62,602 DOZ
636	5/26	200,000 DOZ
647	5/26	275,400 DOZ
642	6/3	129,178 DOZ
644	6/17	25,000 DOZ
604	6/15	342,455 LB
313	6/21	50,516,694 SY
352	6/21	4,450,000 DOZ
631	7/26	424,000 DPR
319	9/7	31,000,000 SY

\* Date on which consultations were requested.

The limits for categories 434, 636, 647, 644, 313, 352, 631 and 319 were agreed upon pursuant to paragraph 7(D) of the bilateral agreement. The limits for categories 336, 442, 642, and 604 were set by the U.S. pursuant to paragraph 7(E) when agreement on a level was not possible under 7(D).

While establishing limits pursuant to paragraph 7 does not technically amend the agreement, the effect has been to modify the agreement in the sense referred to in paragraph 4 of Article 4, and these new limits are so notified.

Sincerely,



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