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Textiles Surveillance Body

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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Articles 7 and 8

Textile Visa System between the United States and China

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received from the United States a notification of a textile visa system concluded with the People's Republic of China, covering cotton, wool and man-made fibre textiles and textile products.

The TSB is forwarding the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.

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<sup>1</sup>The bilateral agreement between the parties is contained in COM.TEX/SB/896.

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February 23, 1984

UNITED STATES AND PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF  
CHINA ESTABLISH TEXTILE VISA SYSTEM

The United States and the People's Republic of China exchanged letters, both dated February 16, 1984, to establish a visa system covering exports to the United States of cotton, wool, and man-made fiber textiles and textile products from the People's Republic of China.

UNITED STATES LETTER

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520



Mr. An Dong  
Counselor (Commercial Affairs)  
Embassy of the People's Republic of China  
2300 Connecticut Avenue N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20008-

February 16, 1984

Dear Mr. An:

I refer to paragraphs 9 and 12 of the Agreement between the United States of America and the People's Republic of China Relating to Trade in Cotton, Wool and Man-made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products effected by exchange of notes dated August 19, 1983 (the Agreement) and to the Textile Visa System effected by exchange of letters on July 23 and 25, 1980. I also refer to recent discussions between representatives of our Governments concerning the implementation of a new export licensing system.

I have the honor to propose, on behalf of my Government, the following export licensing system:

1. Each commercial shipment of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and apparel products will be accompanied by a textile export license/commercial invoice and stamped marking issued by an official authorized by your Government. The license will be printed on a guilloche-pattern background in blue color for categories covered by specific limits and in green color for categories not covered by specific limits. The circular stamped marking will be in blue ink on the front of the license and will include within the stamp the signature of an authorized official and the number of the license. The correct category and quantity of the shipment in applicable category units will be stated within the stamp. Shipments valued at US \$250 or less shall be exempt from this export licensing system.

2. Your Government will provide my Government two original specimens of the license and stamp marking. Your Government will also provide the list of agencies of the issuing authority and, subsequently, notification of any changes therein.

3. Cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and apparel products which are not accompanied by an original license and stamp marking in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of this letter will be denied entry by my Government except upon specific request of your Government:

4. My Government will publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER the license requirements set out in this letter upon receipt of a) your letter confirming your Government's acceptance of this proposal and b) specimens of the license and stamp marking and the list of agencies authorized to issue them. The licensing system proposed by this letter will become effective as soon as possible after publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER for goods shipped from the People's Republic of China on and after the effective date. Our Governments will agree on the effective date of the FEDERAL REGISTER notice.

5. Any shipment which is not accompanied by a valid and correct license and stamped marking in accordance with the foregoing provisions shall be denied entry by my Government on and after the effective date specified in the FEDERAL REGISTER notice unless your Government specifically authorizes entry and charges to agreement levels. The foregoing notwithstanding, if the quantity indicated on the license and stamped marking is more than that of the shipment, entry shall be permitted and charges to agreement levels shall be made according to the quantity of the shipment. Textile and apparel products exported to the United States prior to the effective date of the FEDERAL REGISTER notice shall be subject to the provisions of the visa system referred to at the beginning of this letter.

6. Either Government may terminate this licensing system by giving 90 days' written notice to the other.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to your Government, this letter and your letter of acceptance on behalf of your Government shall constitute an administrative arrangement between our two Governments.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Denis Lamb  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Trade and Commercial Affairs  
Bureau of Economic and  
Business Affairs

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA LETTER

February 16, 1984

Mr. Denis Lamb  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for Trade and Commercial Affairs  
Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs  
U.S. Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20520

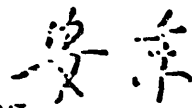
Dear Mr. Lamb:

I have the honor to refer to your letter of February 16, 1984, concerning replacement of the existing visa system by establishing an export licensing system as proposed in your letter for exports to the United States of America of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products from the People's Republic of China.

I wish to confirm that the proposal set out in your letter on behalf of your Government is acceptable to the Government of the People's Republic of China, that your letter and this letter of acceptance shall constitute an administrative arrangement between our two Governments.

I am enclosing herewith two original specimens of the licence and stamp marking, and the list of agencies of the issuing authority. I have further the honor to confirm that the agencies of issuing authority of the People's Republic of China will issue export licences as from April 1, 1984 for exports from China to the United States of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products. This will supersede the former visa system.

Sincerely,



An Dong  
Commercial Counselor

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AGENCIES OF ISSUING AUTHORITY

1. Foreign Trade Administration of the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade of the People's Republic of China
2. Beijing Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Commission
3. Shanghai Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Commission
4. Tianjin Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Commission
5. Hebei Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Department
6. Shanxi Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Department
7. Neimenggu Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Department
8. Liaoning Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Commission
9. Jilin Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Department
10. Heilongjiang Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Department
11. Shaanxi Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Department
12. Xinjiang Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Department
13. Shandong Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Department
14. Jiangsu Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Department
15. Zhejiang Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Department
16. Anhui Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Department
17. Jiangxi Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Department
18. Fujian Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Commission
19. Honan Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Department
20. Hubei Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Department
21. Hunan Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Department

22. Guangdong Foreign Trade Bureau
23. Guangxi Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Department
24. Sichuan Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Department
25. Yunnan Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Department
26. Chongqing Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Bureau