

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Modification of 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 of its bilateral agreement with Hong Kong, concluded under Article 4 of the MFA.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

¹The original bilateral agreement and previous modifications are contained in COM.TEX/SB/818, 888, 910, 945 and 946.

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

³For TSB's observations on this notification, see COM.TEX/SB/975.

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30 April 1984

The Honorable
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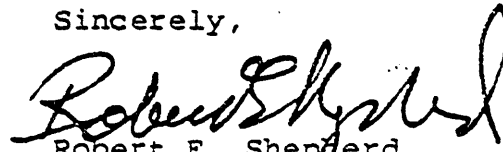
Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 4 of Article 4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I am instructed by my government to inform the Textiles Surveillance Body of a modification of the cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Hong Kong.

The United States on December 23, 1983 requested consultations with Hong Kong pursuant to paragraph 7(b) of the U.S. - Hong Kong bilateral agreement to seek a restraint on nine products (see attached list), from Hong Kong. Hong Kong, in accordance with paragraph 7(d), thereof, ceased the issuance of export authorizations through December 31, 1983. This action, in turn, modified the provisions of the bilateral agreement with respect to these nine categories for 1983.

The U.S. subsequently, as a result of further examination of market factors regarding categories 318 and 669, rescinded its request for consultations on these two categories. Consultations with respect to the establishment of restraint levels for the remaining categories were held in February but ended inconclusively.

Sincerely,


Robert E. Shepherd
Minister-Counselor

ATTACHMENT

	<u>Level at which Hong Kong Ceased Issuing Export Authorizations</u>
314 (cotton poplin and broadcloth)	5,817,191 sq. yards
318 (cotton yarn-dyed fabric)	1,797,929 sq. yards
337 (cotton playsuits)	591,979 dozen
359 (other cotton apparel)	9,536,887 pounds
361 (cotton sheets and pillowcases)	655,561 units
369 (other cotton textiles)	7,299,853 pounds
459 (other wool apparel)	425,038 pounds
649 (mmf brassières)	478,511 dozen
669 (other mmf textiles)	123,928 pounds