

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment of the Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Yugoslavia

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification from the United States of an amendment to their bilateral agreement with Yugoslavia, providing for a visa system applicable to products covered by the agreement, 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.

¹The original bilateral agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/971

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B

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UNITED STATES AND SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA
AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia exchanged notes in Belgrade dated 8 January 1985 and 7 February 1985, respectively, to effect an amendment to their bilateral agreement concerning trade in textile and apparel products. Texts of the notes follow.

UNITED STATES NOTE

Belgrade, 8 January 1985

The Embassy of the United States presents its compliments to the Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and has the honour to refer to the agreement between the United States and the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia concerning trade in certain textile and apparel products of October 1978 as amended (the Agreement), and to propose the following amendment to the Agreement as Annex A.

1. Each shipment of textiles and textile products subject to the terms of the Agreement and not covered by paragraph 2 of this note shall be visaed by officials of the Yugoslav Government before entry or withdrawal from warehouse for consumption in the United States ("entry").
2. Merchandise for the personal use of the importer and not for resale does not require a visa for entry.
3. A shipment shall be visaed by the placing of an original circular stamp marking (the visa) in blue ink on the front of the original commercial invoice. Each visa will include its number and date of issuance and the signature of the issuing official. A visa shall also state the correct categories and quantities in the shipment in applicable category units. A facsimile of the visa shall be attached to this Annex.
4. The Yugoslav Government shall give the Government of the United States two identical originals of the visa stamped marking and of the signatures of the officials authorized to issue and sign the visa. (Up to eight officials may be authorized.) Any change in the stamp must be approved by the Government of the United States. The Yugoslav Government shall notify the Government of the United States of any changes of authorized officials' signatures.
5. Upon receipt of the authorized visa stamp and signatures, the Government of the United States shall publish a notice in the Federal Register regarding the visa system hereby established. The Federal Register notice will include the date the system becomes effective which will be about six weeks following publication of the notice. The Government of the United States will inform the Yugoslav Government of the exact date as soon as it is determined.

6. Any shipment which is not accompanied by a valid and correct visa in accordance with the foregoing provisions shall be denied entry by the Government of the United States on and after the date specified in the Federal Register notice unless the Yugoslav Government specifically authorizes entry and charges to the agreement levels. The foregoing notwithstanding, if the quantity indicated on the export visa is more than that of the shipment, entry shall be permitted. Textile and apparel products exported to the United States prior to the date specified in the Federal Register notice shall be permitted entry.

7. Either Government may terminate, in whole or in part, this visa arrangement by giving ninety-days' written notice to the other.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs, this note and the Secretariat's response shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

The Embassy of the United States avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

YUGOSLAV NOTE

Belgrade, 7 February 1985

The Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of the Embassy's Note No. 001 of 8 January 1985 relating to the Agreement between the Federal Executive Council of the Assembly of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Government of the United States concerning trade in men's and boys' wool and man-made Fibre suits effected by exchange of notes of 26 and 27 October 1978 and subsequently extended and amended (hereinafter "the Agreement") which reads as follows:

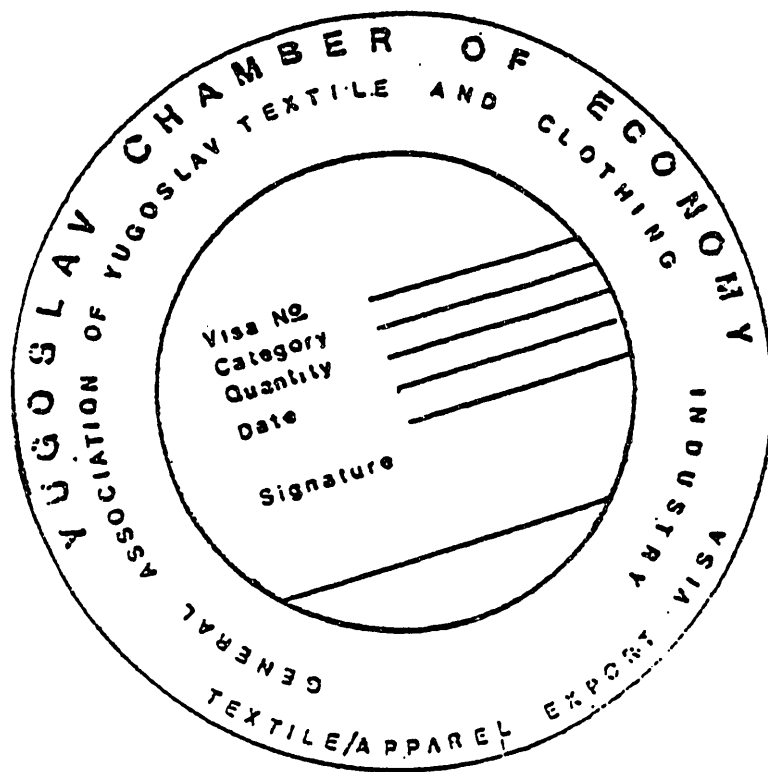
UNITED STATES NOTE

The Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs has the honour to inform that the Federal Executive Council of the Assembly of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is agreed that the text of the said Note and the reply of the Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs to that effect be considered an amendment of the Agreement, provided that paragraph 1 of the Note of the Embassy of the United States be interpreted so that each shipment of textiles and textile products subject to the terms of the Agreement and not covered by paragraph 2 of this note shall be visaed by officials of the competent organization of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

The Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs has the honour to inform the Embassy of the United States that the competent organization of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia for visaing shipments of textiles and textile products subject to the terms of the Agreement is the General Association of Textile and Clothing Industry of Yugoslavia.

Enclosed herewith are two identical originals of the visa stamped marking and the signatures of the persons authorized to issue and sign "visas" on behalf of the General Association of Textile and Clothing Industry of Yugoslavia.

The Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States the assurances of its highest consideration.



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