

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

## ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

### Notification under Article 4:4

#### Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Bangladesh

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification from the United States of a bilateral agreement with Bangladesh, concluded under Article 4 of the MFA. The bilateral agreement supersedes and replaces the measures notified by the United States under Article 3:5.<sup>1</sup>

The TSB, pursuant to its procedures regarding bilateral agreements notified 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.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>See COM.TEX/SB/1079

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

<sup>3</sup>For the TSB's observations on this notification, see COM.TEX/SB/1093

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UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH  
ESTABLISH BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and the People's Republic of Bangladesh exchanged letters in Washington to establish a bilateral agreement on trade in cotton textiles and textile products between the two governments. Texts of the letters follow.

UNITED STATES LETTER

Washington, 28 June 1985

Ambassador A.Z.M. Obaidullah Khan  
Embassy of the People's Republic of Bangladesh  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ambassador Khan

It is my understanding that the following was agreed during our discussions in Washington on 27 and 28 June.

The Government of Bangladesh will restrain its exports of cotton shirts in Category 340 at 330,000 dozens for the period 1 March 1985 to 28 February 1986 and 349,800 dozens for the subsequent twelve-month period of 1 March 1986 to 28 February 1987. The Government of Bangladesh will also restrain its exports of cotton coats in Category 334 at 55,000 dozens for the period of 29 January 1985 to 28 January 1986 and 58,300 dozens for the period of 29 January 1986 to 28 January 1987. Swing of 6 per cent between the two categories shall be available. Carry forward of 6 per cent will be available during the initial twelve-month periods and, where shortfall occurs, carryover of 11 per cent will be available in the subsequent twelve-month periods. The United States Government will have the right to assist in implementing the above understanding. It has also been agreed that, should either party wish a review of this agreement after the first year, the other party will agree to the review.

I would appreciate your confirmation that the above understanding is correct.

Sincerely,

Ambassador Richard Imus  
Chief Textile Negotiator

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH LETTER

Washington, 28 June 1985

The Honourable Richard H. Imus  
Chief Textile Negotiator  
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative  
600 17th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Ambassador Imus

Thank you for your letter dated 28 June 1985 concerning Bangladesh's exports of cotton shirts in Category 340 and cotton coats in Category 334 to the United States. I would like to confirm that your letter accurately reflects the understanding reached between our governments.

Sincerely,

A.Z.M. Obaidullah Khan  
Ambassador