# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

#### ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Modification of the Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Romania

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification from the United States of a further modification to its bilateral agreement with Romania, covering cotton products, concluded under Article 4 of the MFA. Consultation levels for Categories 360 (pillow cases) and 361 (sheets) were raised for the 1985 agreement year.

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.

The bilateral agreement and a previous modification are contained in COM.TEX/SB/894 and 1056

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

<sup>\*</sup>English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente

# UNITED STATES AND THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT RELATING TO TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES

The United States and the Socialist Republic of Romania exchanged notes in Bucharest dated 8 May and 13 June 1985, respectively, to effect amendment to the bilateral textile agreement between the two governments relating to trade in cotton textiles. Texts of the notes follow.

#### UNITED STATES NOTE

Bucharest, 8 May 1985

His Excellency Vasile Pungan
Minister of Foreign Trade and
International Economic Co-operation
Bucharest

#### Excellency

I have the honour to refer to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, with Annexes, done at Geneva on 20 December 1973 and extended by Protocols adopted respectively on 14 December 1977 and 22 December 1981, at Geneva (hereinafter referred to as the Arrangement) and to the Agreement between the Socialist Republic of Romania and the United States relating to trade in cotton textiles, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes dated 28 January and 31 March 1983, as amended, (hereinafter referred to as the Cotton Agreement).

In accordance with the Arrangement and the Cotton Agreement, I have the honour, on behalf of my government, to propose the following with respect to the Cotton Agreement for the third agreement year (1985) only:

- 1. That the minimum consultation level for Category 360 be increased to 1,100,000 sye as a designated consultation level.
- 2. That the designated consultation level for Category 361 be increased to 532,258 numbers.

With regard to Categories 335 and 347/348, my government cannot agree to requests for increases. These categories are under specific limits previously negotiated by our governments. To facilitate the smooth flow of trade, specific limits may be increased by normal application of flexibilities, as provided for in the Cotton Agreement.

If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania, this note and your note of confirmation on behalf of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania shall constitute an amendment to the Cotton Agreement.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

## ROMANIAN NOTE

Bucharest, 13 June 1985

Mr. Francis B. Corry Charge d'Affaires, a.i. Embassy of the United States Bucharest

Excellency

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note of 8 May 1985, which reads as follows:

### UNITED STATES NOTE

I have the honour to confirm hereby that the proposal contained in your note is acceptable to the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania and that your note, together with this note of reply, on behalf of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania shall constitute an amendment to the Cotton Agreement in force between our countries.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.