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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 modification to its bilateral agreement, covering wool and man-made fibre, with Romania, concluded under Article 4 of the MFA. It concerns the 1985 specific limit for Category 645/6 and the consultation level for Category 648.¹

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 bilateral agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1053

²See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B

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UNITED STATES AND THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC
OF ROMANIA AMEND BILATERAL AGREEMENT
ON WOOL AND MAN-MADE FIBRE TEXTILES
AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS

The United States and the Socialist Republic of Romania exchanged notes in Bucharest dated 13 May and 3 June 1985, respectively to effect amendment to their bilateral textile agreement relating to trade in wool and man-made fibre textiles and textile products. Texts of the notes follow.

UNITED STATES NOTE 1

Bucharest, 13 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 (the Arrangement) and to the Agreement between the Socialist Republic of Romania and the United States relating to trade in wool and man-made fibre textiles and textile products, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes dated 7 and 16 November 1984 in Bucharest (the Agreement). I also refer to the previous, expired Agreement between the Socialist Republic of Romania and the United States relating to trade in wool and man-made fibre textiles and textile products, with annexes, as amended (the Expired Agreement).

I have the honour to propose that Annex B of the Agreement be amended to increase the specific limit for Category 645/646 to 7,209,648 sye for the first agreement year (1985). This increase reflects a partial return of the special carry forward previously negotiated by our governments for 1984 but not fully utilized.

The amended specific limit for this category in the last agreement period (1984) of the Expired Agreement shall be further amended to decrease that restraint level to 8,318,014 sye. Shipments exported from Romania in 1984 in excess of the new amended 1984 limit shall be charged to the 1985 specific limit noted above.

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 Agreement.

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

ROMANIAN NOTE 1

Bucharest, 3 June 1985

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

Excellency

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note of 13 May 1985,
which reads as follows:

UNITED STATES NOTE 1

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
Agreement between the Socialist Republic of Romania and the United States
relating to trade in wool and man-made fibre textiles and textile products.

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

UNITED STATES AND THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC
OF ROMANIA AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT
RELATING TO TRADE IN WOOL AND MAN-MADE FIBRE
TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS

The United States and the Socialist Republic of Romania exchanged notes in Bucharest dated 8 May and 15 June 1985, respectively, to effect amendment to the bilateral textile agreement between the two governments relating to trade in wool and man-made fibre textiles and textile products. Texts of the notes follow.

UNITED STATES NOTE 2

Bucharest, 8 May 1985

His Excellency Vasile Tuncjan
Minister of Foreign Trade and
International 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 (the Arrangement) and to the Agreement between the Socialist Republic of Romania and the United States relating to trade in wool and man-made fibre textiles and textile products, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes dated 7 and 16 November 1984 in Bucharest, as amended (the Agreement).

I have the honour to propose that Annex C of the Agreement be amended to increase the designated consultation level for Category 648 to 1,128,900 sye for the first agreement year (1985) only.

With regard to Categories 435/444, 643/644, 443 and 645/646, my Government cannot agree to requests for increases. These categories are under specific limits previously negotiated by our governments. In order to facilitate the smooth flow of trade, specific limits may be increased by normal application of flexibilities provided for in the 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 Agreement.

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

ROMANIAN NOTE 2

Bucharest, 15 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, which reads as follows:

UNITED STATES NOTE 2

I have the honour to confirm 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 confirmation on behalf of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement between the Socialist Republic of Romania and the United States relating to trade in wool and man-made fibre textiles and textile products.

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